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APPOINTMENT OF A MINISTERIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE ON RURAL EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A MEDIUM TO LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR RURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. I, Kader Asmal, Minister of Education, have approved the appointment of a Ministerial Committee to review the state of rural education and training in public institutions and make recommendations for a medium to long term strategy for rural education and training in South Africa.
2. The terms of reference for the Ministerial Task Team:
 - i. To explore conditions of rural education and training (including institutions dealing with Early Childhood Development (ECD), General Education and Training (GET), Further Education and Training (FET), Education of Learners with Special Education Needs (ELSEN) and Adult Basic Education and Training (ABET)) including the phenomena of platooning, and double shifts, and farm schooling amongst others.
 - ii. To focus on issues relating to the quality of learning and teaching, and education outcomes in rural areas and peri-urban areas.
 - iii. To clarify issues affecting education outcomes in different types of institutions including those issues peculiar to farms schools, schools in former homelands, and schools in peri-urban locations.
 - iv. To guide the development and implementation of three pieces of research (by service providers appointed by the Department of Education) in order to complete this report. The research studies will include a review of literature and best practices, scholar transport assistance schemes as well as the development of a profile of rural education institutions.
 - v. To craft a medium to long term strategy for systemic rural education and training interventions in South Africa.
 - vi. To start working in March 2004 and finalise the deliverables in November 2004.

The Department of Education will provide secretarial, logistical and administrative assistance to the Committee.

Considering the above, I have appointed the following persons as members of the Ministerial Review Committee on Rural Education to investigate and review the state of rural education and training in public institutions.

3. Ministerial Review Committee

Professor Ben Parker (Chairperson)	University of Natal, Durban.
Professor Jongilanga Matshazi	Leader of the Education Leadership Management & Development Programme (ELMD) - University of Fort Hare.
Dr Adele Gordon	Farm School Education Specialist and Associate of the Centre for Policy Development and Management (CEPD).
Mr Jonathan Godden	Former Head of the Department of Education in the Eastern Cape and Education Specialist.
Ms Kenny Boshego	Representative: Nelson Mandela Foundation.
Mr Sipho Khumalo	General Secretary: South African Agricultural Plantation and Allied Workers Union.
Mr H van der Merwe	CEO: Agri South Africa.

Kader Asmal

Prof. Kader Asmal, MP

Minister of Education

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