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APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE IRREGULARITIES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE 2004 SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS IN MPUMALANGA

I, Grace Naledi Mandisa Pandor, Minister of Education, in terms of section 20 of the General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act, No. 58 of 2001, hereby appoint a Ministerial Committee to investigate irregularities in the conduct of the 2004 Senior Certificate Examination at some of the assessment centres in Mpumalanga.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Committee will, in cooperation with Umalusi and the Mpumalanga Department of Education, conduct an investigation in order to determine:
 - a. The nature, extent and scope of the irregularities in the conduct of the Senior Certificate Examinations at the identified assessment centres or schools.
 - b. What legal and, or disciplinary action should be taken against teachers, learners and officials who are implicated in these irregularities?
 - c. Whether the irregularities were caused by, exacerbated by, or overlooked due to inadequacies in the administration of the examinations system including but not limited to,
 - a the invigilation,
 - monitoring,
 - a marking,
 - a reporting on irregularities to appropriate authorities and,
 - a actions by authorities in response to such reports.
2. The Committee must make recommendations with regard to:
 - a. The appropriate legal and, or disciplinary action to be taken against persons involved in these irregularities.
 - b. Amendments to the system of examination administration if and where appropriate.

3. The following persons will be appointed to conduct this investigation on behalf of the Minister of Education”
Mr Petje (Convenor)
Ms Lucy Moyane
Ms Anne Oberholzer
Mr Cobus Lotter

TIME FRAME


4. The Committee will be appointed to commence with its activities by Friday 28th January 2005 and should conclude its work by 9th February 2005.

REPORT ON INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION

5. The Committee must report on the investigation and make recommendations to the Minister of Education by 10 February 2005.

COMPLIANCES WITH PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT ACT

6. The appointment of the Committee is subjected to the provisions of Regulation 20, Part 8 of the Treasury Regulations for Departments, Trade Entities, Constitutional Institutions and Public Entities issues in terms of the Public Finance Management Act, 1999.



GRACE NALEDI MANDISA PANDOR, MP
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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