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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS

On 6 June 1997 the document **Draft Statement on the National Curriculum Grades 1–9** was gazetted, allowing interested parties to forward comments to the Department of Education.

In view of the many responses received regarding of religious education, and the complex nature thereof, it was deemed necessary that a Committee should be instituted to prepare a draft policy for religious education in South African schools.

The brief of the Committee is as follows:

- (a) A scrutiny and analysis of all relevant legislation pertaining to religious education, including the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996*, (Act No. 108 of 1996), the *South African Schools Act, 1996* (Act No. 84 of 1996), the *National Education Policy Act, 1996* (Act No. 27 of 1996), and relevant Provincial Education Legislation;
- (b) a scrutiny and analysis of historical developments and available documents regarding the curriculum development process of religious education since the start of the NETF process;

- (c) a scrutiny and analysis of relevant international documents;
- (d) a scrutiny and analysis of all responses to the *Draft Statement on the National Curriculum Grades 1–9*; and
- (e) the development of a draft policy document for religious education in South African schools. Areas to be covered include, *inter alia*, the historical developments, legislation, the distinction between academic and non-academic religious education, policy proposals, implementation, GET/FET, etc.

Ideally, it will be expected of Committee members to work from 20 July to 14 August 1998 (i.e. 20 working days effective from the date of appointment, which period may be extended or shortened at the discretion of the Minister after consultation with the Director-General and the Chairperson of the Committee), at the Department of Education in Pretoria. The remuneration for members will be R586 per working day, while the Chairperson will receive R761 per day. The chairperson and members of the Committee will be appointed by the Minister on the basis of the following criteria:

Nominees must have a thorough knowledge of—

- the complex nature of the current debate regarding religious education in South Africa;
- the various models that have been suggested as possible solutions;
- the current school policy as contained in Report 550;
- the implications of the *Statement on the National Curriculum Grades R–9* for religious education;
- assessment practice;
- PRESET as it relates to the COTEP document (*Norms and Standards for Teacher Education, February 1996*), and subsequent developments; and
- the curriculum development process in the General Education and Training Phase and in the Further Education and Training Phase.

Now, therefore, I, Sibusiso Mandlenkosi Emmanuel Bengu, Minister of Education, hereby request—

- (a) the public;
- (b) religious communities;
- (c) educators, learners, organised business, organised labour; and
- (d) relevant non-governmental organisations

to submit to me, **before 6 July 1998**, the names of persons who by virtue of their knowledge and experience, may be considered for appointment as members of the aforesaid Committee.

Nominations, accompanied by the *Curriculum Vitae* of the nominee and a *letter of consent indicating the availability of the nominee* to serve on the Committee if selected, should be forwarded to:

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S. M. E. BENGU
Minister of Education

No. 790

5 Junie 1998

MINISTERIE VAN ONDERWYS

OPROEP OM NOMINASIES VIR LEDE VAN DIE KOMITEE VIR DIE ONTWIKKELING VAN 'N KONSEPBELEIDSDOKUMENT VIR GODSDIENSONDERWYS IN SUID-AFRIKAANSE SKOLE

Op 6 Junie 1997 het die Dokument, **Konsepverklaring oor die Nasionale Kurrikulum vir Graad 1–9** in die *Staatskoerant* verskyn om belanghebbendes geleentheid te bied om kommentaar aan die Departement van Onderwys voor te lê.

Die groot getal kommentare wat oor godsdiensonderwys ontvang is, en die kompleksiteit van die aangeleentheid, noodsaak die instelling van 'n Komitee, met die opdrag om 'n konsepbeleidsdokument vir godsdiensonderwys in Suid-Afrikaanse skole te ontwikkel.

Die taak van die Komitee is soos volg:

- (a) 'n noukeurige ondersoek en ontleding van al die toepaslike wetgewing wat verband hou met godsdiensonderwys, insluitend die *Grondwet van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika, 1996 (Wet No. 108 van 1996)*, die *Suid-Afrikaanse Skolewet, 1966 (Wet No. 84 van 1996)*, die *Wet op Nasionale Onderwysbeleid, 1996 (Wet No. 27 van 1996)*, en toepaslike Provinsiale Onderwyswetgewing;
- (b) 'n noukeurige ondersoek en ontleding van historiese ontwikkelings en beskikbare dokumente oor die kurrikulumontwikkelingsproses van godsdiensonderwys sedert die begin van die NOOF-proses;
- (c) 'n noukeurige ondersoek en ontleding van relevante internasionale dokumente;
- (d) 'n noukeurige ondersoek en ontleding van al die kommentaar op die *Konsepverklaring oor die Nasionale Kurrikulum vir Graad 1–9*; en
- (e) die skryf van 'n konsepbeleidsdokument vir godsdiensonderwys in Suid-Afrikaanse skole. Onderwerpe sluit in, onder andere, historiese ontwikkelings, wetgewing, die onderskeiding tussen akademiese en nie-akademiese godsdiensonderwys, beleidsvoorstelle, implementering, GET/FET, ens.

Na verwagting sal komiteelede vanaf 20 Julie tot 14 Augustus 1998 werk (d.w.s. 20 werksdae effektief vanaf die aanstellingsdatum, welke periode verleng of verkort mag word na goeddunke van die Minister in oorleg met die Direkteur-generaal en die Voorsitter van die Komitee), by die Departement van Onderwys se kantore in Pretoria. Komiteelede se beloning beloop R586 per dag, terwyl die Voorsitter R761 per dag sal ontvang. Die voorsitter en die lede van die Komitee sal deur die Minister aangestel word op grond van die volgende kriteria:

Genomineerdes moet 'n deeglike kennis dra van—

- die komplekse aard van die huidige debat oor godsdiensonderwys in Suid-Afrika;
- die verskillende modelle wat as moontlike oplossings voorgestel is;
- huidige skoolbeleid soos opgeneem in Verslag 550;
- die implikasies van die *Beleidsverklaring ten opsigte van die Kurrikulum Grade R–9* vir godsdiensonderwys;
- evalueringspraktyk;
- onderwysersopleiding soos vervat in die Komitee vir Onderwys en Opleiding se Beleidsdokument (*Norms and Standards for Teacher Education, February 1996*); en
- die kurrikulumontwikkelingsproses en kurrikulum-in-praktyk in die Algemene Onderwys en Opleidingsfase, asook die Verdere Onderwys en Opleidingsfase.

Daarom versoek ek, Sibusiso Mandlenkosi Emmanuel Bengu, Minister van Onderwys, hiermee—

- (a) die publiek;
- (b) geestelike gemeenskappe;
- (c) opvoeders, leerders, die georganiseerde handel, georganiseerde arbeid; en
- (d) toepaslike nie-regeringsorganisasies

om aan my, voor 6 Julie 1998, die name van persone voor te lê wat op grond van hulle kennis en ervaring oorweeg kan word vir aanstelling as lede van genoemde Komitee.

Nominasies, vergesel van die *Curriculum Vitae* van die genomineerde, asook 'n brief van instemming wat die beskikbaarheid van die genomineerde aandui, moet gestuur word aan:

Die Direkteur-Generaal: Onderwys
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S. M. E. BENGU

Minister van Onderwys

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