**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 3004**

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**Mr W M Madisha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Higher Education and Training:**

Whether his department intends to encourage every university with a law department in the country to revert to a BA, LLB curriculum seeing that the present curtailed provisions are allegedly inadequate to the needs of the profession and are inadequately equipping new lawyers with the depth of literacy so necessary to their profession; if not, why not; if so, what efforts is his department putting in place to redress the inadequacy of literacy amongst new law graduates?

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**REPLY:**

The National Reviews’ Directorate of the Council on Higher Education (CHE) circulated the draft manual, proposal and guidelines for the review of all Bachelor of Law (LLB) programmes on 5 August 2015 for comments.

The starting point of the review is the LLB qualification standard, which has been recently developed by CHE in consultation with the Reference Group on Standards Development comprising of academic experts in the field of law education. The review is an assessment of whether or not the current LLB degree programme meets the qualification standard and complies with criteria for design, delivery, output, impact and sustainability, derived from the CHE’s Criteria for Programme Accreditation.

Furthermore, the Department has representation on the National LLB Task Team, which will upon completion of the national review process, advise me on the structure of the programme at all universities. The National LLB Task Team comprises of representatives from the South African Law Deans Association (SALDA), Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa (SLTSA), Law Society of South Africa (LSSA), General Council of the Bar (GCB), Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, and the Department of Higher Education and Training.

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