



MEMORANDUM
[For consideration]

To : **Ms B Mbete**
Speaker of the National Assembly

From : **Ms JC Moloi-Moropa**
Chairperson: PC on Communications

Date : **17 September 2014**

Subject : **Committee inquiry into allegations of misrepresenting academic qualifications by the Chairperson of the South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) Board, Ms ZE Tshabalala**

1. Introduction

The Committee held a meeting on 16 September 2014 and unanimously agreed to conduct an inquiry into allegations of misrepresenting of academic qualifications by the Chairperson of the SABC Board to the National Assembly in terms of section 51A (1) (a) of the Broadcasting Act, 1999 (Act 4 of 1999) read with National Assembly Rule 201 (1) (c).


2. Allegation on misrepresentation of qualifications

Ms Tshabalala in her *Curriculum Vitae* claimed to be in possession of a Bachelor of Commerce Degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Labour Relations [DPLR], both qualifications obtained from the University of South Africa (UNISA). There are allegations that Ms Tshabalala does not possess the educational qualifications as claimed. Ms Tshabalala was afforded an opportunity to respond to the allegations and has refused and /or failed to furnish the Committee with either certified copies of the educational qualification(s) or relevant information that would enable the Committee to independently verify her qualifications with UNISA.

The Committee is in possession of a letter dated 4 July 2014 stating that according to the UNISA records no qualification was awarded to Ms Tshabalala.

3. Committee Recommendations

The inquiry is scheduled for 25 September 2014. In the meantime, it is proposed that the Speaker communicate the Committee recommendation to the President of the Republic of South Africa, who is the appointing authority, that Ms Tshabalala be suspended as an SABC Board member for the duration of the inquiry.



Ms JC Moloi-Moropa, MP
Chairperson: PC on Communications

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 Mr G Davis, MP (Democratic Alliance)
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