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**Attention: Mrs N Molalekoa**

## **BASIC EDUCATION: REQUEST TO USE UNSPENT FUNZA LUSHAKA BURSARY FUNDS ON OTHER BURSARY-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

Your letter of 18 December 2014 refers:

Treasury's approval is hereby granted for the Department of Basic Education to use of the accumulated unused Funza Lushaka funds to fund existing bursary holders' registration and related costs and that the amount used for this purpose in 2015 be taken from the 2015/15 Funza Lushaka allocation to be used for the same purpose in 2016, and so on.

Approval is also granted for the payment of stipends to the interns on the DBE-ISASA internship programme in 2015 from the unused funds. It is further recommended that the payment of these stipends should henceforth be considered as part of the bursary allocation, and thus funded from the overall Funza Lushaka allocation.

Approval is not granted for these unused Funza Lushaka funds to be used for the appointment of Funza Lushaka administrative assistants. All universities have financial aid offices and the department is encouraged to enter into agreements with each university on exactly what they require from them in the administration and support of the bursary programme. Provincial education departments should also be requested to carry out some of the necessary tasks.

The unused Funza Lushaka funds should be added to the following year's Funza Lushaka allocation to be used in line with the prescripts of the programme and should not be allowed to accumulate any longer.

The department is also encouraged to finalise the services (and the concomitant administration fee to be paid by the department) that should be rendered by the National Student Financial Aid Scheme with respect to the Funza Lushaka scheme.

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Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any enquiries or you require further clarity in this regard.

Kind Regards



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