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Draft Minutes of the Portfolio Committee on Higher Education and Training

Date : 24 August 2016
Time : 09h30
Venue : Old Assembly Chamber
Agenda : Briefing by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) on implementation of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the education and training system.
Adoption of minutes and reports.

Attendance by members of the Committee

PC on Higher Education and Training

Present: Mr D Kekana: Whip (ANC), Ms S Mchunu (ANC), Ms M Nkadimeng (ANC), Ms C September: Chairperson (ANC), Mr E Siwela (ANC), Prof B Bozzoli (DA), Mr Y Cassim (DA) and Mr S Mbatha (EFF).

Absent: Prof T Msimang (IFP) and Mr J Mahumapelo (AGANG).

Apologies: Ms J Kilian (ANC) and Prof N Khubisa (NFP).

Parliamentary support staff

Mr A Kabingesi: Committee Secretary, Ms M Modiba: Content Adviser, Ms N Maxhegwana: Committee Assistant and Mr S Maputi: Parliamentary Communications Officer (PCO).

Ministry

Dr B Nzimande: Minister.

Department of Higher Education and Training

Dr D Parker: Deputy Director-General (DDG) University Education, Dr N Sishi: DDG Planning, Ms K Dazela: Parliamentary Liaison Officer (PLO) Office of the Deputy Minister and Ms N Rasmeni: PLO Office of the Minister.

South African Qualifications Authority

Mr J Samuels: Chief Executive Officer and Ms C Jaftha: Deputy Director.

1. Opening and welcome

The Chairperson welcomed members and guests. She reminded members that the amended National Assembly Rules required members to send written apologies whenever they would be absent from a meeting. She also informed members that the Minister of Higher Education and Training requested to update the Committee on the latest developments in the higher education sector.