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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 213**

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**213. Mr G R Davis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to English First Additional Language Paper 3 of the 2016 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations, were Umalusi moderators instructed that the word count requirement in the essay question be ignored; if so, (a) why was this instruction given and (b) which official gave this instruction to the moderators? NW226E

**RESPONSE:**

Umalusi Council is a statutory body that is formed in accordance with the [National Qualifications Framework Act No 67 of 2008](http://www.umalusi.org.za/docs/introductions/2014/docs/legislation/2009/act50_2008.pdf) and the [General and Further Education and Training Quality Assurance Act No 58 of 2001](http://www.umalusi.org.za/docs/introductions/2014/docs/legislation/2001/actno58_2001.pdf) and has jurisdiction over external moderators, therefore the question has been referred to Umalusi and the response will be forwarded as soon as it is received.