**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 2342**

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**2342. Ms A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 1192 on 18 May 2015, (a) why could she not provide the details required in paragraphs (1) and (2) of the question, given that her department provides the majority of the funding for the National Education Collaboration Trust and (b) what are the relevant details as requested? NW2703E

**RESPONSE:**

The responses below are for previously asked question 1192 from 1 – 2 and were sourced from the National Education Collaboration Framework (NECT).

1. (a)

The NECT is a Trust founded on the basis of the Trust Law. It is a public benefit organisation with the primary objective to improve the quality of schooling and systems for monitoring and supporting schools. The NECT is guided by the Education Collaboration Framework (ECF) which is a blueprint for partnership between government and other social partners which aims to:

* influence and support the implementation of government’s education reform;
* increase the effectiveness, value for money and sustainability of private sector social investment in education; and
* improve educational outcomes.

The names of the trustees are provided below in line with the stakeholder categories:

**Business** (Business Leadership South Africa): Sizwe Nxasana (Chairman), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FirstRand Limited; Mark Lamberti, CEO of Imperial Holding; and Futhi Mtoba, TeachSA

**Government:** Minister AM Motshekga, MP and Acting Director-General, Mr SG Padayachee

**Unions:** Nkosana Dolopi, South African Democratic Teachers Union (SADTU) Deputy Secretary-General and Basil Manuel, NAPTOSA President

**Civil Society:** Prof Brian Figaji

**Chief Executive Officer:** Godwin Khosa

**The following managers are officials comprising the NECT**:

The CEO, two (2) Education Specialists, the Chief Finance Officer (CFO), the Office Manager, two secondees, four trainees and three administrators.

(1)(b)

The NECT is governed by the Trust Deed and its various committee charters. The NECT has procurement policies as well as staff manuals that govern the conduct and the operations of the NECT.

EXCO Members: Sizwe Nxasana (chairperson), Mark Lamberti, Futhi Mtoba, Nkosana Dolopi, Minister AM Motshekga, MP; Acting Director-General, Mr SG Padayachee

Audit and Risk Committee: Sizwe Nxasana, Mark Lamberti, Futhi Mtoba (Chairperson), Nkosana Dolopi, Minister AM Motshekga, MP

1. (c) (i) (ii)

See attached Excel spreadsheet Annexure A on meetings held.

2(a) (i) (ii) (iii)

The terms of reference of the NECT are set out in the Education Collaboration Framework (ECF) which draws from Chapter 9 of the National Development Plan (NDP) and the Education *Action Plan 2014: Towards the Realisation of Schooling 2019*. The ECF was drafted out of consultations involving over 100 role-players in education from a cross-section of education stakeholders. It was launched by the then Deputy President, Mr Motlanthe, at the Presidential Guesthouse on 16 July 2013. The plans and targets for 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 are set out in the Interim Integrated Report published in December 2014, that can be downloaded from www.nect.org.za.