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**576. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(1) What are the relevant details of the general criteria that (a) an educator needs to fulfil in order to become a marker for the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations and (b) educators marking Business Studies had to fulfil for the 2018 NSC examinations;

(2) whether she will furnish Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi with a list of each person marking the 2018 NSC Business Studies examinations, in each case indicating the person’s (a) qualifications and (b) experience relating to Business Studies?

**RESPONSE**

1. (a) In terms of *Personnel Administrative Measures, Government Gazette No. 39684, dated 12 February 2016*, an educator that is appointed as a marker must have at least a recognised three year post matric qualification which must include the subject concerned at second or third year level. In addition the marker must have appropriate teaching experience, including teaching experience at the appropriate level, in the subject concerned, language competency, and preference must be given to serving educators who are presently teaching the subject concerned.

(b) In terms of the appointment of markers for 2018, including Business Studies, the marker must have taught the subject or a related subject at the Grade 12 level for a minimum of two years in the last five years.

1. In terms of the Regulations Pertaining to the conduct, administration and management of National Senior Certificate Examination, the Head of an Assessment Body (i.e. the Provincial Education Department) is responsible for the appointment of markers. These records are therefore kept at the nine provincial education departments and not at the Department of Basic Education. Therefore access to the list of markers appointed to mark the 2018 NSC Business Studies examination should be obtained directly from the Heads of Department in each of the nine provinces.