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**QUESTION 837**

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

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**RESPONSE**

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The Ministerial Review Committee on School Governance was appointed in February 2003 by the Minister of Education, Professor Kader Asmal, to review and assess the state of school governance in public schools, with a view to make recommendations for the strengthening of the democratic model of school governance. The report was completed at the time when Professor Asmal, was handing over the Ministry to the then new Minister of the Department of Education, Minister Naledi Pandor, MP. The report was then never released to the public during the transition.

**(2) Will she make the so-called Soudien Report publicly available; if not, why not; if so, when will it be made publicly available?**

We will re-read the report and examine its findings and consider their relevance in the context of current developments.