**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 884**

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**884. Prof N M Khubisa (NFP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether, since her reply to oral question 549 on 4 November 2015, the report of the commission on the jobs-for-cash scheme has been released; if so, (a) what are the main highlights of the specified report, (b) who are the main culprits referred to in the specified report and (c) what steps does he intend to take to deal with the specified culprits? NW1009E

**REPLY**

Upon receipt of the Ministerial Task Team (MTT) Final Report, the Minister received legal advice to allow teacher unions and individuals implicated in the report to rebut and/or make formal representations to the MTT before the Minister can release the report.

The reason for this is not to compromise the importance of the work of the MTT because of perceived and/or inadequate consultations and/or interactions on the MTT final report.

Based on the legal advice, the Minister issued the following timeframes which must be followed by all concerned:

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| **DATE** | **ACTION** |
| 01/04/16 | Teacher Unions were favoured with the MTT Final Report and requested to respond to it on or before 15 April 2016. |
| 15/04/2016 | Chairperson of the MTT to receive inputs/rebuttals from Teacher Unions with the details of any of their members who might be implicated in the MTT report but may inadvertently been deprived of the benefits of the audi alterem partem rule. |
| 15-29/04/2016 | Any teacher union, and/or School Governing Body Association and or individuals wishing to make presentations to the MTT, must have done so by midday, 29 April 2016. |
| 29/04-4/05/ 2016 | The MTT to consider the inputs and representations |
| 04/05/2016 | MTT submits the final report after taking into account all the inputs from teacher unions and other concerned stakeholders. |
|  | Minister may convene a consultative meeting with Teacher Unions and National School Governing Body Associations to reflect on the MTT processes and the re-submitted report. |
| 06/05/2016 | Minister will officially release the MTT report to the public. |

1. **What are the main highlights of the specified report?**

The report will be made available once the process outlined above is completed.

1. **Who are the main culprits referred to in the specified report and**

This information will also be disclosed when the Minister releases the report.

1. **What steps does he intend to take to deal with the specified culprits?**  The recommendations will be implemented after the report is released.