



PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & TRAINING FOR 2012

Strategic Objective	Performance Indicator (Target)	Activity	Time-frame	Output
To monitor, support and evaluate higher education and training institutions	HEI's should submit their Institutional Audit and Financial Performance Report to the Committee	Committee to conduct oversight visit to HEI's and FET colleges. e.g University of KwaZulu-Natal, Walter Sisulu University, Durban University of Technology and Tshwane University of Technology	First Term 2012	Present the findings and recommendations of the outcome of the oversight visit to the House for the Minister's response
To increase access to post-school education	The DHET to submit and present the report of Ministerial Task Team on the establishment of Universities in Mpumalanga and Northern Cape to Portfolio Committee	Committee to engage with the Department and Ministerial Task Team on the report and implementation plan	First Term 2012	Present its observations and recommendations of its engagement to the House for the Minister's response
	DHET to submit the Task Team Report on student accommodation	Committee to engage the Department on the report and its implementation plan	First Term 2012	Present its observations and recommendations of its engagement to the House for the Minister's response
	DHET to submit and	Committee to engage on	Second Term	Present its observations

	present the task team report on the concept of community education	the report and implementation plan on community education	2012	and recommendations of its engagement to the House for the Minister's response
To support rural development	To monitor and evaluate progress made with regards to the Department's entities projects in rural areas	Committee to conduct oversight visit to NSF / SETA projects in rural areas and FET Colleges	Second Term 2012	To inform SETAs / NSF about the findings and recommendations of the oversight visit
To ensure financial sustainability of the institutions of higher learning	DHET to submit and present the Ministerial Committee Review of the funding model of the universities	Committee to engage on the report and implementation plan of the recommendations	Second Term-2012	Present its observation and Recommendations of its engagement to the House for the Minister's response
To monitor the development of career guidance	To monitor the effectiveness of the Career Advice Service (CAS), career guidance activities of entities	Committee to monitor the Career Advice Service of SAQA, and other entities	Second Term 2012	To inform the Minister about the findings of the Committee on the matter
To ensure effective use of funds for effective purposes by the Department and its entities	The Office of the Accounting General will submit monthly financial performance reports of the Department to the Committee	The Department will present its quarterly performance report to the Committee	First Term 2012	To oblige with the Budgetary Review and Recommendations Report (BRRR) requirements
To support effective governance	Accounting Authorities of the Department's entities to appear during the Strategic Plans and	The Committee will schedule meetings in Parliament for consideration of Strategic	Second & Fourth Term	To present the findings and recommendations for the Ministers consideration

	Annual Report presentations	Plans and Annual Reports of entities		
To improve internal capacity of the Committee	Committee to convene a strategic planning workshop at the beginning of the term	The Committee will invite the Department and its entities in its workshop to present their operational plans	First Term	To develop a plan of action for that particular year
To forge strong linkages with other Committees	Committee to schedule joint meetings with other relevant Committees in the Social Cluster	Committee will invite various Professional Bodies, Councils to account on their statutory regulation in different sectors	All Four Terms	To improve the monitoring and evaluation of objectives falling outside of the oversight scope of the Committee

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were taken during the workshop 03 – 05 August 2011-11-28

- The Council of FET colleges that did not submit their annual reports including those that received qualified audit opinion would be called to account before the Committee.
- The Committee would visit WSU and TUT and interact with the relevant authorities of those institutions specifically on governance and administration.
- SETAs that were placed under administration would be called to account to the Committee.
- The Council of the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) would be called to account to the Committee with regards to its challenges especially on governance.

- There was need for a workshop with Higher Education South Africa (HESA) with regards to the academic landscape of the country.
- The Department should give a full status report with regards to the challenges faced by many higher education institutions.
- The Committee must obtain monthly expenditure report of the Department from the Accountant- General.
- Councils of merged institutions should provide the Committee with a full report on the status of merger in their respective institutions.
- Strategic plans of the Department or its entities would not be approved if they didn't have clear targets.
- The Committee must obtain the Ministerial Task Team Report on Student Accommodation by Prof I Rensburg.
- There is a need to interact with professional bodies on their regulations of the medical and occupational health profession.
- The Department should evaluate the impact of the merger of the institutions of higher learning and FET Colleges.
- The Committee to monitor progress of the disbanding process of the University of Limpopo.

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