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Mrs D van der Walt to ask the Minister of Education:

Whether she intends appointing a commission of inquiry to investigate the 2008 matric examinations with regard to the (a) delay in releasing matric results, (b) missing examination results and (c) allegations that these results were inflated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (a & b) I asked the National Examination Irregularities Committee to establish a task team to investigate the delays in matric resulting. The members of the task team were M Sishi (DoE and chair), JPC Basson (SAQA), JPK Lotter (HESA), RJ Mello (SADTU), RJ Burger (SAOU), RR Poliah (DoE), AJ Van Rensburg (Irregularities Committee). The task team began work on 13 January 2009 and submitted a report to me on 2 February 2009. I referred its recommendations to HEDCOM for action.
- (c) The Department of Education has investigated this allegation, and the sources of the allegation were unable to provide information to warrant an investigation.