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**Mrs A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

- (1) What time frame is set for the work of the ministerial committee appointed to investigate the current promotion requirements and other related matters that impact on the standard of the National Senior Certificate (NSC), as gazetted in Government Notice 504 of 18 July 2013;
- (2) how will the work of the technical committee and the reference group differ;
- (3) how will her department improve the public perception of and confidence in the NSC qualification in the event that the ministerial committee's findings with respect to the NSC are negative;
- (4) what steps will she take to ensure that the work of the committee will continue to be done and/or implemented beyond 2014?NW2292E.

**RESPONSE:**

- (1) The Ministerial Committee has been allocated a period of six months to complete their work.
- (2) The Technical Committee will conduct the necessary research and write the final report, whilst the Reference Group will provide a critical review of the findings and recommendations of the Technical Committee.

- (3) It is premature to preempt the findings of the Ministerial Committee and therefore, the Department will await the report of the Ministerial Committee and thereafter, formulate a plan to address their recommendations.
- (4) It needs to be noted that the Committee has a particular mandate which has been determined by the Minister and this will conclude with the submission of the final report. The recommendations from the report will be considered by the Minister and the Director General will then be responsible for ensuring that the approved recommendations are implemented.