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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION 1974**

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Ms A Mda (Cope) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) What (a) plans are in place to ensure that matric results will be announced timeously, (b) are targeted dates for issuing of final matric results in each province, (c) contingency plans for the exams prepared by her department; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
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REPLY:

- (1) (a) A comprehensive plan is in place to ensure that the National Senior Certificate (NSC) results are released timeously. This plan has been developed in conjunction with the provincial education departments and has been communicated to all key participants in the examination process. The matric results will be announced on 7 January 2010 and the reason for the change in the date of the release of the results is to allow the national and provincial officials more time to ensure accurate capture of all marks, to verify the processing of the results and to allow for more intensive checking of the final results before they are released to candidates.
- (b) The NSC results will be released at all schools in all provinces at 08:00 on 7 January 2010.
- (c) As part of the normal planning for all public examinations there are contingency plans for every aspect of the examination process. These cover, *inter alia*, the setting of question papers,

the printing, packing and distribution of question papers, the writing of the examination, the marking process and the resulting and release of results. The DoE is confident that the system is prepared to cater for any eventuality in the examination process, without compromising the credibility of the examinations.