# FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 1015

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## Mr MH Steele (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether her department has provided any information to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education on the involvement of a certain official (details furnished) who did not disclose her directorship of a holding company and the fact that she has shares in a subsidiary of that company which did business with the department of education and received a tender from the department (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what information was provided?

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#### **REPLY:**

The Department did communicate to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education regarding the case of Ms Mpati and provided the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education with all the detail available regarding the Report of the Auditor-General. The province was requested to bring the matter to the attention of the official and take the necessary corrective action to ensure that her previous declarations are corrected accordingly. The gravity of the situation in terms of bringing the Department in disrepute was highlighted. A follow up discussion was held with the provincial department. It was indicated that there may be inaccuracies in the Report of the Auditor-General. This will be followed up by the provincial department.