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Mr R P Z van den Heever to ask the Minister of Education:

(1) Whether her department has a program of action to address the reported deficiencies in the provision of quality education as outlined by the Human Rights Commission; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter?

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REPLY:

The Department of Education has paid serious attention to the HRC's 'Report of the Public Hearing on the Right to Basic Education' (2006), and has engaged fully with its recommendations.

I have had a number of constructive meetings with the Chairperson of the Committee and agree with many of the recommendations proposed in the report. The Department is in the process of finalising a written response, so that we can give renewed force and attention to those areas where work is already under way and initiate action where it is required.

As soon as the Department's response has been finalised, the aspects requiring attention will form part of the strategic plan of the Department.

I will not make a statement at this stage.