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**Mrs C Dudley (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

With reference to her reply to question 2521 on 18 October 2012, (a) whom did her department contact during their extensive consultation process on the development of a policy on homeschooling, (b) who does her department recognise as the elected representatives of the organised homeschooling community and (c) was this organisation contacted during the specified consultation process; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2368E

**RESPONSE:**

- a) The DBE did not consult with representatives of Home Education organizations, but held consultation sessions internally as follows:
- Internal consultations with relevant Department of Basic Education officials (including Legislative and Legal Services, Examinations Directorate and two Branch Heads);
  - A meeting with relevant provincial officials (15 August 2007);
  - Consultation with Ministerial Management Meeting (16 May 2011);
  - Meeting with Umalusi (21 June); and
  - Consultation with Heads of Education Committee on the 29-30 August 2011.
- b) The DBE is open to working with the organisations for Home Schooling even though it has not entered into formal partnerships with any as yet. For example, The DBE consulted with the South African Comprehension Assessment Institute in 2012.
- c) The SACAI was not consulted for the development of the policy, but on assessment of Home School learners, as it is the responsible body in this regard.