

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION 903

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**Mr GG Bionamo to ask the Minister of Education:**

With reference to her statement on or about 11 July 2006 that her department is considering issuing licences to teachers which will be renewable on a five-year basis, (a) what will be the licensing criteria, (b) how will this plan apply to (i) newly qualified teachers and (ii) teachers that qualified in the past and (c) what are the relevant time-frames regarding the commencement of this plan?

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**REPLY:**

In the public comment you refer to I indicated that the Department of Education was “considering” licencing teachers. A National Framework for Teacher Education, which spells out the roles and responsibilities of all towards ensuring qualified, competent and committed teachers in all our schools, will be gazetted this month. This Framework has been developed through a broad consultation process, led by a Ministerial Committee on Teacher Education, which worked alongside my officials to identify the critical elements in producing and retaining quality teachers for our education system. It also entails our requirements for continuing professional development. In this we will be working closely with SACE.