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Ms H S Boshoff (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the revised curriculum statement for technical subjects such as technical mathematics and technical sciences, the (a) writing and (b) editing of the revised curriculum and assessment policy statement (CAPS 2) for all technical subjects has been completed; if not, (i) why not, in each case and (ii) when will each process be completed; if so,
- (2) With reference to the revised CAPS 2 for technical schools and new norms and standards, (a) when will it be gazetted and (b) why was it not gazetted by the target date of April 2014?
- (3) Whether the implementation of the revised CAPS 2 will take place in January 2015 in Grade 10 in technical schools; if not, why not;
- (4) (a) When will the audit of technical secondary schools as focus schools be undertaken, (b) by whom will this audit be carried out and (c) why was this audit not carried out by the target date of June 2014;
- (5) Whether the training of teachers in the revised CAPS 2 will be carried out in August 2014; if not, (a) why not and (b) when will the training be conducted; if so, what are the relevant details? NW729E

RESPONSE:

- (1) (a) The writing of Technical Mathematics and Technical Science was completed together with the CAPS for Technical High schools in January 2014.
(b) (i) The editing, printing and layout of all CAPS for Technical High Schools is underway.
(ii) The process of editing, printing and layout of CAPS for Technical High Schools will be completed before the end of 2014.

- (2)
 - (a) The CAPS were gazetted on the 18 July 2014. Specifications for the norms and standards will form part of the norms and standards for focus schools which are currently being developed by the legal directorate.
 - (b) Due to the process of consultation with all the stake holders and the process of ensuring that the legal prescripts are followed, the publication of the norms and standards was delayed.
- (3) No. The proposed date for the implementation of CAPS for Technical High schools is 2016 in Grade 10. 2015 will be utilised to prepare the sector for implementation of CAPS, for example, intensive teacher training will take place, textbooks will be developed etc.
- (4)
 - (a) The provinces will continue to collect audit data from schools.
 - (b) The audit data will be verified by the Department of Basic Education through a sample audit. This approach will require less funding than the original anticipated audit.
 - (c) The audit was not carried out due to funding constraints and provinces were required to collect data.
- (5)
 - (a) Skills training centres around the country and Universities of Technology had been contacted to train teachers in September 2014 during the school recess. Technical Mathematics and Technical Science training will be conducted by the Universities of Technologies. North West province, Eastern Cape and Free State started their training with the skills centres in July 2014 during the school recess.