

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S VISIT TO MARKING CENTRES IN FREE STATE

Marking of examination scripts for the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination has been running smoothly in the Free State Province. The markers reported for duty on 03 December 2017 and will continue until 14 December 2017. The Basic Education Director-General, Mr Hubert Mathanzima Mweli, visited the province on 06 December 2017, to have interactive sessions with various education stakeholders comprising chief markers, internal moderators and centre managers and other key role players who continue to make a valuable contribution towards maintaining quality marking processes.

The centres that were visited included Brebner High School in Bloemfontein, HTS Louis Botha in Bloemfontein, Welkom Gymnasium High School, Brentpark High School, Sarel Celliers Combined School, Parys Hoerskool, Bultfontein Hoerskool, and Eunice Girls High.

This year, the province has organised approximately 16 venues to speed up marking processes. During the commencement of marking, the marking team held a training session on 02 and 03 December 2017. Training of markers is an annual activity intended to strengthen the standard of marking and the National Senior Certificate in this country.

The Director-General conducts this programme in various provinces to give internal moderators and chief markers the opportunity to share in-depth experiences and observations emanating from the marking centres. The centre managers, deputy centre managers, chief markers, internal moderators and senior markers have an enormous responsibility of ensuring that the marking is accurate and credible before the results are captured for standardisation. These experts have to assist provinces in consolidation of information based on the outcomes of the National Senior Certificate Examinations by way of reflecting learner performance in various subjects and advise government on specific areas that still needs more improvement.

In several centres, markers expressed their excitement, saying that joining a team of marking experts presents them with an opportunity to improve their teaching pedagogy, particular-

ly in their specialised subjects.

During his interactive session with various provincial officials, Mr Mweli remarked that: "The future of this country is in your hands. We plead with you to do your work with pride and integrity because you are our national assets. We are here today to extend our appreciation and gratitude for the work that you are doing. Thank you for having availed yourself when we needed you most. Our schooling system depends on you to produce accountable and responsible future generations. We therefore call upon you to uphold the standard of the National Senior Certificate by making sure that each script is marked diligently."



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RECORD OF THE
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The background of the entire page is a close-up, slightly blurred image of a test paper. It features a grid of circles containing letters (A, B, C, D, E) and numbers (47, 48, 49, 50). A yellow pencil is positioned diagonally from the top left, and a red pen is positioned diagonally from the top right. A large, faint red 'X' is drawn across the lower half of the page, over the words 'REScore' and 'ROSTER NUMBER'.

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