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**QUESTION 2991.**

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**2991. Mr W F Faber (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

Whether she and/or her department submitted a policy review document and/or any other government policy document to structures outside of the Government, either to private and/or external structures or structures of any political affiliation during the past five years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) will she furnish Mr W F Faber with copies of all such documents and (b) what are the reasons that the Government documents were provided to each structure?

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#### **Response**

(a) and (b)

The policy documents of the Department of Basic Education are not shared on the basis of political affiliation; but by the prescripts of the Act.

The process of determining national policy is vested to the Minister in terms of Section (3) of the National Education Policy Act, Act 27 of 1996. The Hon Member must note that Section (5) sub-section (1) guides that "*Consultation on national education policy.—(1) Policy contemplated in section 3 shall be determined by the Minister after consultation with such appropriate consultative bodies as have been established for that purpose...*" and in terms of sub-section (3) "*Nothing in this section shall limit the discretion of the Minister to consult whomsoever he or she wishes for advice on the determination of national education policy*".