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THE COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY ACT, 1963 (Act No. 35 of 1963)

THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE TASK TEAM TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUE OF TOP-UP FEES NOTICE, 2014 (Under Section 3)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Commissions of Enquiry Act, 1963, the Minister for Education and Training issues the following Notice:

Citation and Commencement

a) Patrick N. Muir

1. (1) This Notice may be cited as the Appointment of Members of the Task Team to Look Into the Issue of Top-Up Fees Notice, 2014.

Chairperson:

(2) This Notice shall come into force on publication in the Gazette.

Establishment and Composition of the Task Team

2. The persons whose names appear below are appointed Members of the Task Team:

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b)	Mumly Musi	-	Member;
c)	Bongiwe Dlamini		Member;
d)	Thandi Maziya	175	Member;
e)	Bheki Ndzinisa	n= ° a	Member;
f)	Macanjana Motsa	-	Secretary
g)	Legal Advisor - MoE& T		ex officio Member;
h)	Thulisizwe Msibi	<u>.</u>	Member;
i)	Fanyana Mabundza		Member;
j)	Joshua Ndlangamandla		Member;
k)	Sithembiso Dlamini	- "	Member;
i)	Reginah S. Nkonyane	-	Member;
m)	Dominic Nxumalo	6 K - 2	Member;
n)	Sifiso Vilakati	9 2 5.4	Member; and
0)	Nyamile Manana	=====================================	Member

Quorum of the Task Team

3. The quorum of the Task Team shall be nine members, including the Chairperson.

Functions and powers of the Task Team

- 4. (1) The Task Team shall-
 - (a) examine the composition of the current Free Primary Education Grant
 - (b) examine the amount of school fees paid by Government in respect of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVC) in the schools in Swaziland and make recommendations on the adequacy of the school fees currently paid.
 - (c) establish reasons why schools require top-up fees;
 - (d) examine and review the procedure for assessing and evaluating submissions for top-up fees received from primary schools; and
 - (e) examine strategies adopted by schools to reduce costs and to optimize their operations, adhering to lean management principles in order to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of their operations, at the same time ensure transparency and accountability through enforcing the necessary controls and security measures.
 - (2) The Task Team shall have the power-
 - (a) to summon any person to appear before it to make submissions that may be oral or written, and
 - (b) to consult relevant stakeholders including but not limited to head teachers both from primary and secondary level, School Committees and / or relevant legal documents as may be necessary such as the Free Primary Education Act, 2010 and other relevant documents.

Inquiry to be in public

5. Unless circumstances otherwise require, the enquiry shall be held in public.

Term of office

6. The Task Team is expected to start and finish within twenty eight (28) consecutive working days of appointment.

Submission of a Report.

7. The Task Team shall submit an interim report to the Sub-Committee of Ministers after fourteen (14) working days. The final report shall be submitted within twenty eight (28) working days after commencement of the assignment.

Allowances

8. The Members of the Task Team shall be entitled to receive such allowances and where applicable, re-imbursement for travelling expenses in accordance with the applicable Finance circular in consultation with the Minister responsible for finance.

The Venue for the sitting of the Task Team

9. The Venue for the sitting of the Task Team shall be determined by the Chairperson.

PATRICK N. MUIR PRINCIPAL SECRETARY