

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2005

(This report was supposed to have been adopted in Nov. 2005)\*

1. **Name of the Committee:** Portfolio Committee on Education

Chairperson: Prof Shepherd Malusi Mayatula

Committee Secretary: Steve Morometsi

### 2. Chairperson's overview:

#### Core Objectives

The objectives of the Portfolio Committee on Education are to:

- ☐ Facilitate public participation, monitoring and oversight function over the legislative processes relating to education
- ☐ Confer with relevant governmental and civil society organs on educational matters
- ☐ Enhance and develop the capacity of its Members to exercise effective oversight over the Executive Authority in education
- ☐ Monitor whether the Department of Education fulfils its mandate
- ☐ Process and approve legislation and international protocols and conventions relating to education
- ☐ Participate in National and International educational conferences
- ☐ Confer with the National Council of Provinces on education legislation affecting the Provincial Legislatures and
- ☐ Engage in any activities and programmes aimed at the development and delivery of quality public education to all South Africans.

### 3. Number of meetings held and those cancelled

The Committee conducted 25 meetings varying from briefings made by the Department and Public Entities. Hearings were conducted on the Education Laws Amendment Bill

08 February 2005: Briefing on the Matric Results 2004 with special reference to Mpumalanga Province.

15 February 2005: Briefing on the infrastructure development on learners learning under trees, dangerous and dilapidated buildings.

22 February 2005: Briefing by the Department on its Strategic Plan 2005-2009.

01 March 2005: Briefing on National School Nutrition programme and Draft Policy on School Uniform.

08 March 2005: Briefing on the National Student Financial Aid Scheme Review.

15 March 2005: Briefing by the Department on its Estimates of National Expenditure, Vote, 15, 2005/06.

05 April 2005: Briefing on the National Guidelines on School Uniform.

12 April 2005: Briefing by Mr Cassim Farouk, a former MP on the use of Java Applets and Flash Programmes in teaching Mathematics, Science and other subjects.

31 May 2005: Briefing by the Nelson Mandela Foundation on a report on Education in S.A. Rural Communities focusing on research conducted by HSRC in Kwazulu Natal, Eastern Cape and Limpopo Provinces.

07 June 2005: Briefing by CHE and HEQC in its recent National Review and re-accreditation of MBA programmes and its forthcoming review and re-accreditation of Select Teacher Education programmes.

14 June 2005: Briefing by the Department on a report by the Ministerial Committee on Rural Education.

21 June 2005: Briefing by the Department on the re-vitalization of Further Education and Training Colleges.

5 August 2005: Briefing on the Education Laws Amendment Bill by the Department.

23 August 2005: Joint meeting between the Portfolio Committee on Education and Portfolio Committee on Sport & Recreation on the Memorandum of Understanding between the two departments on school sports. Invitations were extended to Provincial Chairperson's of Sport, Arts and Culture.

30 August 2005: Public Hearing on the Education Laws Amendment Bill that seeks to amend the South African Schools Act and the Employment of Educators Act. Invitations were extended to educational stakeholders

through three newspapers namely, City Press, Sunday Times and Rapport to solicit inputs.

6 September 2005: Informal Deliberation on the Education Laws Amendment Bill by Parties.

13 September 2005: Formal Deliberations on the Education Laws Amendment Bill by Parties. Parties voted on it. Then, the Committee reported on it. The Bill was debated in the House on the 15 September 2005.

11 October 2005: Hearings were conducted on Annual Reports of Umalusi, Council on Higher Education and South African Qualifications Authority.

12 October 2005: Hearings were conducted on Annual Reports of South African Council for Educators, National Student Financial Aid Scheme and Education Labour Relations Council.

- The reports of the six entities were adopted with amendments on the 8 November 2005.

25 October 2005: Hearings on the Annual Report 2004-2005 of the Department of Education.

- The report of the Department was adopted on 15 November 2005.

1 November 2005: Briefing by the Department on the Norms and Standards for public school funding.

8 November 2005: The following reports were adopted:

- University of Free State report (25 February 2005).
- Public Hearings on the Education Laws Amendment Bill report (30 August 2005)
- Hearings on the Annual Reports of the Educational Public Entities namely, CHE, Umalusi, SACE, SAQA, ELRC, NSFAS.

15 November 2005: Adoption of the following reports:

- Annual Report of the Department of Education
- Committees Annual Report? **Not adopted\***
- Study tour to Mali and Ghana's report.? **Not adopted\***
- Minutes of: 1, 8, November 2005.? **Not adopted\***

▷ □ **What about the JL Zwane Centre Report – not adopted?\***

- **What about the SADC Sub-Region Report – not adopted?\***

4. **Legislation referred to the committee (Finalised and not finalised):**  
**indicate the following:**

Referral date: 1 August 2005.

Briefings by the department: 5 August 2005.

Public Hearings: on the Education Laws Amendment Bill [B23-2005]

Published in Newspapers: 14 August 2005 (published in City Press, Sunday Times and Rapport).

Date of hearings: 30 August 2005.11.09

Institutions that made presentations:

- ☐ Federation of Governing Bodies of South African Schools
- ☐ National Professional Teachers' Organisation of South Africa
- ☐ South African Democratic Teachers Union
- ☐ Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuurvereniging
- ☐ Affinity Educational Consultants
- ☐ Governing Body Foundation
- ☐ Institution for Health and Development Communication (Soul City).
- ☐ Principal of Silversands Primary School.
- ☐ National Association of School Governing Bodies
- ☐ Governor's Alliance.
- ☐ South African Foundation for Education and Training.
- ☐ Dr. A Motsoaledi, MEC for Education, Limpopo Province.

Number of submissions received: 12

Received two written submissions: (organisations did not appear before Committee)

- ☐ Centre for Education Policy and Development
- ☐ Human Rights Commission made written submissions but did not appear before the Committee.

Report if it was compiled: Yes it was compiled.

Adopted with amendments. 8 November 2005

Report publication: Not yet published in the ATC? **When will it be published and how?\***

Debate in the House: 14 October 2005

✓ **5. Papers (International Agreements, Protocols, Reports etc) referred to the Committee: indicate the following:**

Referral date: 04 August 2005: NQF  
26 August 2005: Umalusi  
05 September 2005: SAQA  
07 September 2005: CHE  
22 September 2005: SACE, NSFAS

Consideration date by the Committee: 11-12 October 2005

Report publication: Not yet published in ATC? **When will it be published and how?\***

Debate in the House: Committee resolved not to debate the report in the House.

**6. Oversight (Local) visits**

Objectives of each trip:

- **UFH visit: 25 February 2005:** To intervene in the concerns raised by former Vista University incorporated into University of Free State and Management of the institution
- **FET Colleges visit: 14-19 August 2005:\*** To assess the readiness of Further Education & Training Colleges looking at; governance, access, bursaries, residences, appointment of Chief Executive Officers etc.
- Invitation JL Zwane Centre, Guguletu, Cape Town – **14 Oct. 2005.**
- Dates: 14 October 2005? **What is the relevance of this date?\***
- UFS visit: 25 February 2005
- FET Colleges visit 14 – 19 August 2005
- Siyaya HIV/AIDS Musical Project 14 October 2005

Delegation:

- UFS: Prof SM Mayatula (ANC), Ms Lorna Maloney (ANC), Mr. B Mthembu (ANC), Mr. GG Boinamo (ANC), Mr. AM Mpontshane (IFP) Mr. BG Mosala (joined the delegation) and Mr. Steve Morometsi (Committee Secretary).

- FET Colleges (1) Prof SM Mayatula (ANC), Ms PR Mashangoane (ANC), Ms DG Nhlengethwa (ANC), Mr. JJ Maake (ANC) replacing Mr. LW Greyling (ID), Mr. AM Mpontshane (IFP) and Steve Morometsi (Committee Secretary).
  - FET Colleges (2) Mr. B Mthembu (ANC), Ms NJ Ngele (ANC), Adv. AH Gaum (then NNP), Mr. GG Boinamo (DA) and Tenda Madima (Control Committee Secretary)
- Provinces visited: Limpopo, Gauteng, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal FET Colleges.
- Report: report ready (Limpopo and Gauteng) report for EC and KZN not yet ready.
- Date of adoption by the committee: 15 November 2005?\* **Not adopted.\***
- Report publication (ATC date):
- Debate in the House: To be reported in the House.
- JL Zwane Centre, Gugulethu: Prof. S. M. Mayatula (ANC) and Ms. J. Matsomela (ANC).

## 7. International Visits:

### 8.1 Visit to Mali & Ghana

Objectives of each trip: To consult with Ministers' of Education and Sports around broad goals and education policies. Visit schools, and assessed, fee structures, funding, access to schools etc. Visit universities and assessed access to university, funding, bursaries, etc.

Dates: 15-23 October 2005.

Delegation:

- Prof SM Mayatula (ANC), Ms PR Mashangoane (ANC), Mr. B Mthembu (ANC), Mr. GG Boinamo (DA), Mr. AM Mpontshane (IFP) and Mr. Steve Morometsi (Committee Secretary).

Countries visited: Mali and Ghana.

Report when adopted: 07 February 2006? **Falls outside the time frame of the report.\***

Report publication: Report still to be discussed by delegation.

Debate in the House: Subject to the decision to be taken on 7 February 2005.

**8.2 [12.1 Conferences:]\* SADC Sub-Region (FAPED)**

Two Members of the Committee, Messrs, B Mthembu (ANC) and GG Boinamo (DA) attended a follow-up Forum of African Parliamentarians for Education (FAPED) in Livingstone, Zambia on the 29-30 August 2005.

Agenda: Taking stock of the progress made towards "Education for All" goals after a third of mileage to 2015.

Presenters: Sub-Saharan countries such as Angola, Malawi, Zambia, Swaziland, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Resolutions: The conference observed that South Africa had made progress in the area of Early Childhood Development. It was recommended that the Portfolio Committee make a follow-up with the Department of Education with regard to ECD.

Date of the adoption of the report: 07 February 2005?\* **Outside report time frame.\***

**8. Budget Vote**

Referral date: 22 October 2004

Briefing by department: 15 March 2005.

Public Hearings: No Public Hearings were conducted.

Report publication:

**9. Annual reports of the Executive (30 September)**

Referral date: 22 September 2005

Briefing by department: 25 October 2005

Public Hearings: No public hearings conducted instead extensive hearings by the Committee on the Annual Report 2004-05.

Report publication:

**10. Other committee activities:**

**11.1 Workshops:** Chairperson attended a workshop on how to conduct hearings on the Annual Report as a monitoring mechanism.

Venue: Parliament, Cape Town.

Date: 10 October 2005.

### **11.2 Other Committee activities**

23 June 2005: Portfolio Committee met with the Youth, Pioneers of the Vietnamese National Assembly informally over lunch at the New Wing Restaurant sharing knowledge and experiences on the role of the Committee in conducting oversight and monitoring over the Executive.

25 October 2005: Portfolio Committee invited by the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference at a lunch reception in honour of the visit of the First Lady of the Republic of Botswana, Mrs Barbara Magae, the Minister of Education, Ms Lesego Motsumi and the Assistant Minister, Mrs Maggie Mbaakanyi at the Archdiocese of Cape Town Cathedral Place.

1 November 2005: The Committee hosted 6 UK Parliamentarians, namely, Ms Ann Keen, MP (LP) leader of delegation, Mr. Jeffrey Donaldson, MP, MPL (DUP), Mr. Tobias Ellwood, MP, (CP), Lord Hughes of Woodside, MP, (LP), Ms Helen Southworth, MP (LP), Ms A Watkinson, MP (CP).

### **11.3 Council on Education Ministers:**

February 2005: The Chairperson, Prof S M Mayatula, attended a special Council on Education Ministers meeting in Cape Town.

22 March 2005: The Chairperson, Prof S M Mayatula, attended a special Council on Education Ministers meeting in Pretoria.

23 March 2005: The Chairperson, Prof S M Mayatula, was invited by the Minister of Education Hon. Mrs Naledi Pandor, to the most improved school awards 2004, at the Presidential Guesthouse, in Pretoria

18 April 2005: The Chairperson, Prof S M Mayatula attended a special Council on Education Ministers meeting in Pretoria.

5 June 2005: The Chairperson attended a special Council on Education Ministers meeting.

5 June 2005: The Chairperson, Prof S M Mayatula, was invited by the Minister of Education Hon. Mrs Naledi Pandor to attend the Grand Opening of the Education Nutrition Centre at 14:30 at Bonareng Primary School in Atteridgeville, Pretoria.

1 August 2005: The Chairperson attended a Council on Education Ministers meeting in Pretoria.

19 September 2005: The Chairperson, Prof SM Mayatula, was invited by the Minister of Education, Hon. Mrs Naledi Pandor to accompanied the Minister to Robben Island. **Did he attend?\***

6 December 2005: The Chairperson, Prof SM Mayatula, was invited by the Minister of Education, Hon. Mrs Naledi Pandor, MP, and the International Labour Organization, to attend the Southern African Policy Dialogue Forum Gala Dinner in Pretoria.

## **12. Conferences:**

A Multi-party Delegation of five Members of the Committee attended a National Consultative Conference on Education.

Delegates: Prof SM Mayatula (ANC), Ms PR Mashangoane (ANC), Ms DG Nhlengethwa (ANC), Mr. GG Boinamo (DA) and Mr. AM Mpontshane (IFP)

Date: 30-31 May 2005

Agenda: Deepening the Education Policy Dialogue.

Presenters: Various Educational Stakeholders

Resolutions: No resolutions taken. ?\*

## **13. Budget of the committee**

How much was allocated to the committee: R730,556.00

Expenditure: Catering: R 2,242.30

Provincial Visits: R 58,099.00

Overseas Trips: R358,067.50

Conferences Seminars, Workshops

Public Hearing: R 37,483.20

Credit to Consolidated Fund: R181,559.10

Transfers to Staff Travel R 27,535.00

**Balance R 65,569.90**

## **14. Outstanding Matters:**

14.1 Annual Report of the Committee

14.2 Minutes 1, 8, 15 November 2005

14.3 Report on the visit to SADC Sub-Region of Forum on Parliamentarians on Education.

**14.4 Ghana & Mali Report.\***

**14.5 FET Colleges Report.\***

**15. Attach the following documents**

- i. Master attendance list
- ii. Copies of minutes of all meetings? **Have these been signed by Chaiperson?\***
- iii. Copies of the reports of all oversight\international visits? **Not yet adopted\***
- iv. Copy of Budget statement

## 16. Support Staff

Committee Secretary:	Mr. Steve Morometsi
Control Committee Secretary:	Mr. Tenda Madima
Committee Assistant:	Ms Nthabiseng Mohlomi
Secretary to Chairperson:	Ms Z Vandermeulen
Researcher ( <i>Research Unit</i> ):	

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COMMITTEE SECRETARY DATE:

CONTROL COMMITTEE SECRETARY      DATE:

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COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON DATE:

(What is the relevance of this appendix in this report?)\*

## APPENDIX II

### REPORTS TABLED:

Report on Appointees to the Board of South African National Parks	To confirm the list of Members appointed to the Board of the SANParks	ATC
Report on Deed Registries Amendment Bill [B 65B – 2002]	Process legislation	ATC
Report on SADC Fisheries Protocol	Ratify the Protocol	ATC
Report on Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety	Ratify the Protocol	ATC
Report on SADC Wildlife Protocol	Ratify the Protocol	ATC
Report on SADC Protocol on Forestry	Ratify the Protocol	ATC
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Report on Restitution of Land  
Second Amendment Bill [B56 –  
2003]

Report on the National  
Environmental Management  
Protected Areas Bill [B 39B –  
2003]

Report on National Environmental  
Management: Air Quality Bill [B 62  
– 2003]

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