

**MEDIA STATEMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION ON THE EXTENSION OF THE DATE CALLING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENTS (CAPS) ARISING FROM THE REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM STATEMENT, TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2010**

The Department of Basic Education wishes to advise all education stakeholders and role players that the date for the call of public comment for the newly developed National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS) for all Grades and Subjects has been extended to 18 October 2010.

The Minister of Basic Education invited stakeholder bodies and members of the public to comment on the National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements by means of Government Notice No. 784 in Government Gazette No. 33528 of 3 September 2010.

The National Curriculum and Assessment Statements are single, comprehensive, and concise policy documents to replace the current Subject and Learning Area Statements, Learning Programme Guidelines and Subject Assessment Guidelines for all subjects listed in the National Curriculum Statement Grades R 12 in response to the recommendations of the Ministerial Review Committee.

*It is vital that South Africans are kept abreast of the progress that the Curriculum Review process is making in order that all education stakeholders can take ownership of the process. Public consultation is vital and we stand firm on the principle that the process is open and transparent.*

The National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statements may be accessed on the Department of Basic Education's website at [www.education.gov.za](http://www.education.gov.za) or <http://www.thutong.doe.gov.za>.

Hard copies of the documents are obtainable for the address below.

The closing date for the submission of public comments is 18 October 2010.

**Submissions should be posted or delivered to:**

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