

Dear Dr M. Ramarumo

Re: Request to Dr Ramarumo from the Auditor-General for information for the transversal performance audit on certain initiatives at the Department of Basic Education: Kha Ri Gude

I am submitting this information in respect of the first 2 items requested by the Auditor-General as these two items relate *inter alia* to documents that I helped produce as the lead report writer of the Ministerial Committee on Literacy during the period 2006 and 2007.

Item 1:

Guidelines, policies or legislative documents regulating the implementation of the Kha Ri Gude initiative

The main documents relevant here are the Final Report of the Ministerial Committee on Literacy (presented to the Minister on 14 June 2006 (Attached, *Final Report*) and to Cabinet on 23 November 2006 (at which meeting the *Final Report* was endorsed and a more detailed operational plan was requested. This Operational Plan and various associated documents (Attached *Operational Plan*) was presented to Cabinet and approved on 24 August 2007.

Item 2:

The needs determination/study used to determine the 4.7 million illiterate adults to be educated at the required budget of R6.1 billion through the Kha Ri Gude initiative.

Budget allocations (cost per capita) for voluntary educators, supervisors, monitors and coordinators for the period 2008 – 2012 and briefly explain the methods used to determine the cost per capita.

The needs determination was based on a thorough analysis by the Ministerial Committee of the illiteracy statistics available at the time. A research paper was compiled (Attached: *Problems and challenges: the shape of illiteracy in South Africa today*) and summarised on pages 8 to 18 and 114 to 115 of the *Final Report* of the Committee (Attached: *Chapter Three pp. 8-18 and Chapter 14 pp. 114-115*).

The initial budget for the campaign was presented in the *Final report* of 2006 and a slightly revised one attached to the *Operational Plan* of 2007 (Attached spreadsheet: *Budget 2007*). It must be understood that this budget was considerably downscaled when the final monies allocated to the campaign were determined by Treasury. The means used to determine the budget are self-evident in the spreadsheet.

Regards

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