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**489. Mr G R Davis (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

(a) What progress has the Ministerial Task Team which was appointed to consider the introduction of History as a compulsory subject in Grades 10, 11 and 12 made to date and (b) when is the report of the task team due to be submitted to her for consideration? NW546E

**Response:**

1. The History Ministerial Task Team convened eight meetings between March and November 2016. The Task Team conducted international comparative research on India, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, China, Tanzania, Russia & Brazil to add to the international research that was presented at the History Round-Table of 4 December 2015. Furthermore, the team made proposals to strengthen the content of History in the General Education and Training (GET) and Further Education and Training (FET) bands. This work of strengthening the content is to be consolidated in April 2017. The MTT is also planning to conduct consultative meetings in various provinces to get inputs on the strengthened History curriculum to ensure that it is representative and inclusive.
2. The final report will be released to the Minister at the end November 2017.