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Ms NI Tarabella-Marchesi
Parliament of the Republic of South Africa
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Dear Ms Tarabella-Marchesi

REQUEST FOR INVITATION TO UMALUSI'S STANDARDISATION MEETING

The letter dated 27 November 2017 regarding the request for an invitation to the standardisation meeting has reference.

As a statutory body, Umalusi accounts to the Ministry of Basic Education, which in turn, accounts to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education.

Umalusi is called on a regular basis to report to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education in relation to its statutory functions and the management of its legislative mandate as articulated in the General Further Education and Training Qualifications Act (GENFETQA) of 2001 (as amended) and the National Qualification Framework (NQF) Act of 2008. The latter include all quality assurance and standardisation processes.

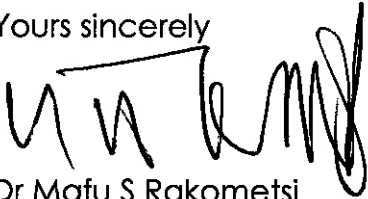
In light of the regular engagement with the Portfolio Committee and the constant responses to Parliamentary questions, Council decided not to invite the members of the Portfolio Committee to its standardisation meetings from this year onwards with the understanding that the Portfolio Committee can always invite Council to give full account on all its quality assurance processes including standardisation.

Umalusi is therefore willing to avail itself to answer all questions from the Portfolio Committee pertaining to the processes followed in discharging its legislative mandate of quality assuring national examination results at the committee's invitation in 2018.

It is also our considered view that the previous invitations to the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education, and the subsequent workshop on standardisation, provided adequate exposure to the members of the Portfolio Committee, on the standardisation process.

Therefore, continuing in this mode could potentially interfere with the principle of separation of powers which must be respected by all organs and arms of state.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Mafu S Rakometsi

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

cc: Honourable A Motshekga, MP
Minister of Basic Education

cc: Mr MH Mveli,
Director General: Department of Basic Education