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Hon N Tarabella-Marchesi
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Portfolio Committee on Basic Education
Parliament of RSA

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Dear Hon Marchesi

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION (CSE) IN SCHOOLS

I hope my letter finds you well.

Your emailed correspondence on the above matter is received and noted with thanks.

As you may be aware, the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education called the Department of Basic Education to account to the Committee on the Comprehensive Sexual Education (CSE) on Tuesday, 17 September 2019. The purpose for the meeting was further to engage the Department in direct response to the general unhappiness on the matter.

The Department of Basic Education, led by the Deputy Minister Dr M R Mhaule, gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation which was followed by robust and fruitful engagements by Members of the Portfolio Committee. As Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education, I have satisfied myself through these engagements with the Department that this matter has received the necessary attention, dealt with in its entirety and sufficiently clarified.

Further to this the Department also indicated that they had consulted extensively on CSE and remained open to further consultation and engagement on the matter. Given the strength of the

DBE submission, I would strongly urge that you direct your further submissions on the matter to the Department of Basic Education for further engagement.

I trust that the above meets with your approval. Should you require anything further, kindly do not hesitate to contact me on 073 717 2318.

I thank you for your attention and convey good wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B P Mbinqo-Gigaba', written over a horizontal line.

Hon B P Mbinqo-Gigaba MP

Chairperson: PC on Basic Education