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The KZN MEC for Education  
Hon KI Mshengu, MPL  
*Per email*

ECD

Dear Sir,

The subject matter bears reference.

There is significant confusion in the ECD sector with regards to their operations. While the national minister of Basic Education has given an executive undertaking that those that are ready may operate or those already operating may continue, further clarity is exigently required.

The DBE, in my view, still does not have a solid legal mandate to run ECD as a whole. In keeping with the Children's Act, DSD remains the custodian of ECD until this function shift is firmly transferred.

Given this, ECD centres under the "mandate" of Education may operate while I am aware that those under DSD have been threatened with legal action, arrest, closure and cancellation of their licenses to operate if they open. The sequelae of this dichotomy is not only a matter of serious concern but also has a tremendous impact on the entire sector.

I write to urge you to urgently interact with your DSD counterpart and to provide immediate public clarity in this regard. I am very hopeful that you will act imminently and I look forward to your response.

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Cc: Hon Elma Rabe, MPL, Hon. Nomsa Tarabella-Marchesi, MP