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Honourable Rev Vuyo Memani-Sedile and Dr Whitfield Green Council on Higher Education

Per e-mail: ceo@che.ac.za

Dear Rev Memani-Sedile and Dr Green,

LIST OF ALL MMED PROGRAMMES REGISTERED AT EACH OF THE UNIVERSITIES

I humbly request that you please provide me with a list of *all* the Master of Medicine (MMed) degree specialisations currently accredited and registered at *each* of the universities in South Africa.

I further request your urgent assistance in accrediting and registering the following MMed degree specialisation at the Walter Sisulu University before the end of the year:

- Internal Medicine;
- Ophthalmology;
- Anaesthesiology;
- Ear, Nose and Throat Medicine (ENT);
- As well as any other MMed degree specialisations yet unaccredited and unregistered at Walter Sisulu University.

The debacle has the potential to severely impact the fields of internal medicine; ophthalmology; anaesthesiology; and ear, nose and throat medicine in the Eastern Cape which has already seen posts not being filled, and those people currently having been trained during 2022 and 2023 not being accredited by the Health Professional Council of South Africa (HPSCA). This means that their years of study have been wasted. This cannot be allowed to happen.

I look forward to receiving your positive response in this regard.

Best regards,

Madeleine Hicklin MP **Shadow Deputy Minister of Health Democratic Alliance**

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