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Hon Karabo Khakhau, MP
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Dear Honourable Khakhau, MP

**RE: HON KHAKHAU, MP // HON MINISTER NOBUHLE NKABANE, MP -THE
MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING
ALLEGED CONTRAVENTION OF THE CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT AND
DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

I write on behalf of the Joint Committee on Ethics and Members' Interests ("the Committee") who at its meeting of 13 March 2026 finalised your complaint against the Honourable Nobuhle Nkabane ("the former Minister of Higher Education and Training).

The Committee found that Honourable Nkabane, MP breached item 5(1)(c) and (e) of Code of Ethical Conduct and Disclosure of Members' Interests ("the Code"). That, Honourable Nkabane, MP failed to act on all occasions in accordance with the public trust placed in her and that she failed to maintain public confidence and trust in the integrity of Parliament and thereby engender respect and confidence that society needs to have in Parliament as a representative institution.

In the light of the above finding of breach, the Committee will recommend to the House to impose a penalty in terms of item 20(4)(a) and (b).

20(4)(a)- a reprimand in the House; and

20(4)(b)- that the member enters an apology in the House for allowing her advisor to control and manipulate the appointment of the SETA Board Chairpersons. Also, to apologise for the fact that the member failed to exercise due care over the appointment process.

The Committee Report will be published on the Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports (ATC's) of Parliament.

Kind regards



ADV A GORDON
ACTING REGISTRAR OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS