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Western Cape Provincial Parliament
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, 19 September 2023 (at 13h00), Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

(1. Briefing by Equal Education on school safety in the Western Cape. 2. Briefing by the Western Cape Education Department on learners with severe disabilities)

PRESENT

Members:

Democratic Alliance

Baartman, DM (Chairperson)

Fry, C

African National Congress

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Alternate Members

Brinkhuis, G (AL-Jama-ah)

Apologies

Plato, D

Christians, FC (ACDP)

Persons in attendance

See attached attendance register

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chairperson opened the meeting and allowed for brief introductions. She provided context for the meeting as well as the format of proceedings.

2. Briefing by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) on the qualifications requirements for an Early Childhood Development (ECD) practitioner at all levels of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF)

Mr Neil Makhaga, Director: Teaching Qualifications and Policy, DHET, led the presentation.

The DHET discussed the significance of ECD in South Africa, and the regulatory framework governing it. It highlighted a significant shift in ECD regulations in 2017, which made qualifications mandatory for ECD educators, and categorised them into various levels under the Higher Education Qualification Framework (HEQF). Adherence to these regulations became essential for institutions offering ECD programmes and recognised qualifications.

The Department emphasised the practical implementation of ECD programmes, addressing the challenges encountered by practitioners pursuing higher certificates, the need for equivalency between qualifications, and universities' reservations about offering ECD programmes.

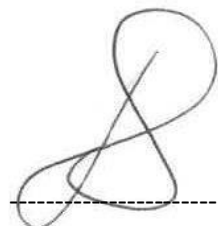
The Committee deliberated on the presentation

3. Recommendations

The Committee recommended that the DHET:

- 3.1. The Deputy Director-General's team to follow up on the accreditation progress of ECD qualifications.
- 3.2. Inquiry to be made about the cost analysis of making ECD compulsory

The Committee adjourned at 15h55.



ADV DM BAARTMAN, MPP
CHAIRPERSON: STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
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