

For urgent attention: Minister A Motshekga

Minister of Education

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Dear Ms Motshekga

RE: Request for review of Business Studies 2018 NSC exam paper

After receiving widespread complaints from school principals, Business Studies teachers and parents country wide, the School Support Centre (SOS) conducted our own investigation into the matter. We established that learners' NSC marks were constantly lower than the school-based assessment marks, which provincial departments moderated every quarter. It was also determined that the national pass rate for the subject dropped steadily over the past four years, resulting in a more than 10% lower pass rate for Business Studies in 2018 than in 2015.

National NSC pass rate:				
	2015	2016	2017	2018
Business studies:	75,7	73,7	68	64,9

The inexplicable drop in matric results for the subject Business Studies seems to be a national problem, which justifies a thorough investigation, since it affects scores of matriculants' entry into university and may discourage gr 10 learners from taking the subject in future.

The SOS hereby wishes to lodge a formal complaint and call on the minister's office and the Department of Basic Education to investigate the Business Studies results as a matter of utmost urgency. The SOS is very concerned about the immediate negative influence of this matter on the interests of the learners. The results of the 192139 learners who wrote Business Studies in 2018 need to be reviewed and corrected to afford them a fair opportunity to qualify for a Bachelor pass, and to enter university in 2019.

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As an organisation the SOS is committed to quality education, thus be assured of our support in your quest to ensure quality education for all. Please acknowledge receipt and favour us with your urgent response to advise us on the DBE's planned course of action in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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