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Dear Professor Aitchison

**APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE TO
REVIEW THE FUNDING FRAMEWORKS FOR FURTHER EDUCATION
AND TRAINING COLLEGES AND ADULT LEARNING CENTRES**

I have pleasure in informing you that, I have appointed you as a member of the Ministerial Committee to revise the Vocational and Continuing Education and Training (VCET) funding norms which are the national Norms and Standards for Funding Further Education and Training Colleges (NSF-FET Colleges) as well as the national Norms and Standards for Funding Adults Learning Centres (NSF-ALC). The duration of the committee will be twelve (12) months from the date of commencement of the project.

The main purpose of the Ministerial Committee is to:

- a) Proceed with the review process of the current funding framework for FET Colleges to ensure effectiveness of the funding framework in enabling FET Colleges to play a key role in producing a skilled and capable workforce to support an inclusive growth path. This will culminate in the finalization of the

amendments of the funding norms which I will publish in the Government Gazette for public comments; and

- b) Align the NSF-ALCs to the new proposed institutional type i.e. Community Education and Training Colleges (CET Colleges).

The Terms of References (ToRs) for the Ministerial Committee have been developed to outline its roles, the composition and timelines. I am enclosing copies of the two sets of ToRs for your information which have different scope of work for the two funding norms.

The committee will convene monthly meetings and will ultimately provide a final report in a period of twelve (12) months from date of commencement. The schedule of dates for the meetings of the Ministerial Committee will be communicated to the nominee in due course.

The committee may source other necessary expertise in the public service to assist with the work. Further details in terms of logistical and administration arrangements will be provided by Ms Dorothy Masipa Director of Financial Planning. Please do not hesitate to contact her at 012-312 5454/5129 or email address: Masipa.D@dhet.gov.za for enquiries or for further information. You will also be notified of the first meeting of the committee and will be provided with the necessary documents in due course.

I thank you for your availability and wish you well with the work to be undertaken.

Yours Sincerely



Dr BE Nzimande, MP

Minister of Higher Education and Training

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