

**To:** Donald Grant, MPP : Provincial Minister of Education, Western Cape Province

Dear Mr Minister,

One of our members, upon receiving the message below from you, consulted us on the matter.

Accordingly, I take this opportunity to remind you that:

1. On or about 8th September 2010 you published the salient points of the current "*proposed*" policy in local newspapers around the Western Cape, in the form advertisements purporting to provide "...*the facts about education at home*", as well as about the "...*establishment and registration of an independent (private) school...*" to "*parents and members of the public*".
2. The Pestalozzi Trust wrote to you on the same day, pointing out that the advertisement contained "*several vague and possibly misleading claims, including at least one statement which...is patently false.*"
3. Some weeks later, representatives of the Pestalozzi Trust, the Cape Home Educators and the Association for Homeschooling met with Mr Anthony Pietersen, a senior official from your department at his invitation on instructions from his superiors. Mr Philander of his staff was also present. We discussed at length almost every aspect that now appears in the "proposed" policy, and explained the legal advice we had obtained to the effect that the measures on home education and private schools are unconstitutional and in many cases simply illegal.
4. Nevertheless, the same advertisements were published again two years later on or about 8th August 2012.
5. The Pestalozzi Trust wrote to you about the latest round of advertisements on 8th September of that year, repeating our concerns and voicing additional ones.
6. To this letter you did not reply.

In view of the above, we submit that it is quite in order if any of our members, or members of the Cape Home Educators or the Association for Homeschooling are "up in arms" about being asked to comment on the same measures, most of which their representatives had commented on three times before.

Indeed, we submit that it is quite in order if they now take their comments to forums other than the WCED as well.

We submit, furthermore, Mr Minister, that it is not necessary to wait for comments on the measures in the "proposed" policy, as mooted in your message to Mr Simmers. Your staff need only consult the record of our correspondence and especially the rather accurate minutes taken by Mr Philander at the meeting of three homeschooling organisations with Mr Pietersen.

Nevertheless, for your convenience, we undertake to make submission on the "proposed" policy by the due date.

Yours sincerely,

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Tertuis,

To save you the trouble - I am copying those on your email chain.

As you are now aware the WCED has circulated draft regulations for comment.

There are sound reasons for regulation given the new CAPS and SBA requirements.

The draft is simply out for comment and that is what the WCED requires - comment.

Please request those who are up in arms to communicate their objections as requested to the WCED.

The WCED in turn will collate all the objections and provide feedback to the Ministry.

Thanks

Donald Grant