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**RE: PROVISION OF SCHOLAR TRANSPORT IN KWAZULU- NATAL**

Dear MEC Nkonyeni and MEC Mchunu,

1. On 23 February 2015, Equal Education (EE) sent you a letter regarding the lack of scholar transport in Nqutu in particular, and KwaZulu-Natal in general. We attach herewith a copy of our letter for your easy reference.

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2. Given the urgency of this matter, we requested that you respond to our letter by 5 March 2015. However, we have not received a substantive response to our letter to date. An acknowledgement of receipt was sent to us by the KZN Department of Education on 23 February 2015, and by the KZN Department of Transport on 24 February 2015.
3. Equal Education is seriously concerned by the lack of provision of scholar transport in Nqutu and other rural areas in KwaZulu-Natal. We believe that the provision of scholar transport should be prioritised and significantly expanded in KwaZulu-Natal, and that the shortage of scholar transport in the province constitutes a violation of learners' Constitutional right to a basic education.
4. We therefore request that you provide us with a response by no later than **Friday 27 March 2015**. Furthermore, as stated in our letter of 23 February 2015, we are willing to meet with you and your officials to engage on the issue of scholar transport.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson



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General Secretary

