

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRADE 10 CATCH-UP PLAN

Introduction

The progress report is based on the approach the Department has adopted and articulated in the Catch Up plan presented in court early this year.

In the Plan, the Department indicated that Subject Guides will be developed and provided to schools. Schools that have not covered Term 1 and/or Term 2 subject content will then infuse this content in the guides in their day to day teaching.

Progress on the development of the Subject Guides

Subject Guides have been developed by Curriculum Advisors who are Subject Specialists located in the Curriculum Branch. The Guides focus in the main on new content identified in each subject. In addition, content that has been identified by teachers as difficult in term 1 and 2 has been factored in.

Although Grade 10 CAPS compliant Mathematics and Physical Science Textbooks were provided to all schools, the Department has also developed Subject Guides for these subjects based on the analysis of the information provided by schools where teachers identified topics which they find difficult to teach even though they have textbooks.

It should also be noted that although content in some subjects has not changed at all (e.g. Life Sciences, Engineering Graphics and Design etc), the Department has developed guides for these subjects for Term 1 and 2 based on teacher information which identified challenging topics in these subjects. Grades 10, 11 and 12 enrolment figures over the past years in content subjects also played a significant role in the development of the guides.

The following are Subject Guides that have been developed:

Mathematics	Business Studies
Mathematical Literacy	Economics
Physical Sciences	Accounting
Life Sciences	Geography
Agricultural Science	History
Information Technology	Tourism
Computer Application Technology	Life Orientation
Engineering Graphics and Design	
Civil Technology	
Mechanical Technology	
Electrical Technology	

The guides are currently being quality assured and this process will be completed by the 3rd of August 2012. Printing and delivery of the guides will take place before the end of August 2012.

Samples of the subject guides are attached.