

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## ON THE PICKETING ACTION AT THE GLEN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

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On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2013 students at the Glen Agricultural College engaged in a picketing exercise to voice out their dissatisfaction on some areas of concern. The MEC of Agriculture and Rural Development, Honourable Mamiki Qabathe speedily met with all the students of Glen Agricultural College to engage on the matters which caused the picketing action at the Glen campus. Some of their concerns included amongst others, renovation of their accommodation and library, review policies, farm practicals and postponement of their educational trips.

MEC Qabathe acknowledged the concerns of the students and indicated that some matters requires immediate attention while others are challenges that need time such as to look into the standing policies and a vigorous process to amend those policies which may hinder the development and progress of the students of Glen Agricultural College.

Furthermore MEC Qabathe, the management of the Department and the representatives of the students went on a tour around the campus to see and validate the grievances.

A task team which comprises of College management of the Department and representatives of the students was formed. The task team will subsequently draw a programme with a time frame to address the concerns of the students.

Whilst the concerns of the students are acknowledged, the manner in which these were raised is seriously condemned.

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