

To: Media Houses

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## Progress in the delivery of Learner and Teacher Support Material (LTSM)

The Department continues to monitor the delivery of Learner and Teacher Support Material (LTSM) across the Province, in particular stationery. To date, significant work has been done in this regard and more than 1000 schools have been covered mainly in Vhembe and Capricorn. Much more work still has to be done in the other three districts of the province, namely: Sekhukhune, Mopani and Waterberg. The delay in the delivery of stationery is mainly due to the appointment of a new supplier, following the expiry of a three year contract that supplied stationery to our schools.

Delivery of textbooks, in the form of top-ups, on the other hand, has been delivered to all the schools that have made their orders in time. However, mop-ups continue in schools that did not place their orders in time to ensure that teaching and learning goes on unhindered. Schools and their management teams will be updated at all the time through their circuit offices and districts.

We are monitoring closely the delivery of this important learner support material and would like to apologise to the school community for any inconvenience that might have been caused by this delay. We are working around the clock to ensure that delivery is completed by the end of January.

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