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Media Statement

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KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REFUTES CLAIMS OF NSC EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER LEAK

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education wishes to assure the people of this province that the integrity of the 2023 NSC exams is still intact.

Despite allegations of irregularities in Karina Secondary School, the Department can confidently confirm that there was no leak of any of the examination papers.

As the KZN Department of Education, we reiterate our confidence in our examination system. The examination system is designed such that even minor human error is easily picked up and quickly corrected.

We also have full confidence in our vigilant invigilators who are working tirelessly to maintain the integrity of the entire examination process. To this end, as the Department, we have noted the reported incident of Karina Secondary School but refute claims of any leak of examination papers.

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When Karina Secondary School received an English examination question paper as it was a subject to be written in the morning, they also mistakenly received a pack of 17 question papers for Religious Studies.

The Chief Invigilator was able to identify this while they were still undergoing due diligence process for the examination. Both the Chief Invigilator and the monitor at the school safely removed the question paper to the District Office. Karina Secondary School does not offer Religious Studies.

“So far we’ve had a very smooth National Senior Certificate examination period, and we are confident of continuous utmost decorum as our 2023 final examination session draws to an end”, said MEC Frazer.

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