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THE FEES COMMISSION EXTENDS THE DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO 30 JUNE

The Chairperson of the Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training (The Fees Commission), Judge Jonathan Heher has decided to extend the due date for the submission of inputs to 30 June 2016.

The decision to grant extension came after the Commission received wide requests from interested parties seeking extension in order to do more research and consultations.

At this stage, the Commission is satisfied with the interest that has been shown and encourage everyone to make use of this extended opportunity.

This Commission's mandate is to inquire into the feasibility of a fee-free higher education and training in South Africa.

In accordance with the published terms of reference, the Commission shall enquire into, report on and make recommendations on the following:

- “1. The feasibility of making higher education and training (higher education) fee-free in South Africa, having regard to:
 - 1.1 the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, all relevant higher and basic education legislation, all findings and recommendations of the various Presidential and Ministerial Task Teams, as well as all relevant educational policies, reports and guidelines;
 - 1.2 the multiple facets of financial sustainability, analysing and assessing the role of government together with its agencies, students, institutions, business sector and employers in funding higher education and training; and
 - 1.3 the institutional independence and autonomy which should occur *vis a vis* the financial funding model.”

Interested parties including (but not limited to) stakeholders in the higher education and training sector, students, parents, business community, organs of State and community based organisations are invited to make written submissions to the Commission on issues which fall within the Commission's terms of reference.

Deadline for submissions: **Thursday, 30 June 2016.**

Submissions may be made in any of the official languages.

Submissions must include:

- (a) The full names and contact details of the person/s or entity making the submission;
- (b) An indication of the person and/ or entity on whose behalf the submission is being made;
- (c) A full list of source documents referred to in the submissions;
- (d) An indication of the willingness of such person or institution to present oral submission to the Commission, if called upon to do so;
- (e) The language in which such person or institution shall prefer to make oral submission and
- (f) The convenient timeframe and venue on which such person or institution shall be available to present oral evidence.

Submissions to be addressed to:

E-Mail: FeesHET@justice.gov.za

Fax No.: 086 682 6936

Website: <http://www.justice.gov.za/commissions/FeesHET/index.html>

Submissions can also be submitted to the nearest Magistrate's Court.

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