

**WEEKLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORT**

**COMMUNITY LIAISON DEPARTMENT**

**27/01/95**

**REPORT 2**

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1. The Department completed the Community Liaison component of the Draft Public Participation Programme. See Management Committee documentation, Friday the 27th January 1995.

2. Planning for implementation.

It is necessary to begin planning the implementation of the programme. Planning will concentrate on the resource and logistical implications of the Community Liaison Programme. The department will furnish the Directorate with a complete report on these areas next week.

3. The Agency Principle - universities and other institutions. The Department met with MPD and discussed the possibility of them assisting us with implementing the seminar programme. The meeting was of an exploratory nature and a follow-up meeting is planned for the 31st January 1995.

We need to clarify the practical implications of the Agency Principle. This is particularly important in the context of subcontracting organisations to run aspects of our campaign, viz. seminars, constitutional education, youth programmes (Street Law).

4. The Department met with Peter Volmink from Street Law. Street Law are planning a programme of simulated constitution-making, human rights debates and mock constitutional trials. It is our proposal that we should work with them to implement their programme in such a way that it achieves the necessary scope, breadth, and national profile that would be required for our public participation objectives.

5. The Department has been in contact with Sue de Villiers from the office of Minister Dullah Omar. She informed us that she has had contact with "Plain English" experts from the United Kingdom. She indicated that they would be available to meet with us at the end of February. The department is pursuing the foregoing.

6. The Department met with IMSA to discuss the facilitation of Constitutional Public Meetings. We are presently processing IMSA's response to our enquiries.
  
7. South African Communication Services
  - Our relationship with SACS needs to be clarified and reduced to writing in a contract.
  
8. The Department is presently arranging to meet with Liz Bennet of the National Child's Rights Committee and Mr Lulu Johnson of the ANC youth league.
  
9. Funding Strategy
  - We refer the Directorate to our year-end report for 1994 and wish to point out that we need urgent clarification on a strategy for funding, particularly from Foreign Governments. In this regard the Department will furnish the Directorate with a draft strategy.
  
10. Relationship with the Ministry of Justice
  - As mentioned in previous reports the Community Liaison Department has been liaising with the Department of Justice with particular reference to the Constitutional Education Programme. It is proposed that the press officer of Minister Dullar Omar be appointed by him to liaise on a regular basis with our department with regard to the implementation of our programme. Our relationship needs to be formalised and the Ministry have requested us to draft a letter to the Minister of Justice requesting the Minister to formalise the contact through the person of Sue de Villiers. The Directorate will be presented with a draft letter for their approval.

11. The Community Liaison staff have worked extremely well in producing the draft Community Liaison Programme. Their performance throughout the week indicates the development of a team spirit.

12. The Community Liaison Department need to communicate with;

- a) people with cellular telephones;
- b) overseas governments and organisations;

In this regard the Directorate's approval is sought for the unbarring of the telephones of the members of the Department. It would be a severe disruption of communications if people were unable to reach the cellular phones of other members of the department. It would also be very difficult if the Head of Department were unable to liaise with foreign institutions, organisations, funders and governments.