



Disruptions in East London and Cape Town

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The Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training regrets the disruption of the public hearings that happened for the third time in succession.

We have also observed that the aggrieved group, responsible for disruptions, does not represent the majority of the student community.

The Commission is neither mandated, nor does it have authority to intervene in disciplinary matters between students and management of universities.

Students, however, remain key stake holders of the process and the Commission will continue to engage them on matters relevant to the inquiry.

Given the turn of events, the remainder of the programme of the Cape Town leg of the public hearings was cancelled. The Commission will further review the way in which public hearings are conducted, with a view to ensuring safety for witnesses, members and staff.

of the proceedings they have grievances against their university principals and they use the opportunity to confront the university management who come to present during the public hearings, since the commission has no mandate to address their grievances. The aggrieved students have taken a view that disrupting the commission's hearings will address their grievances.

Clearly we will have to review the way we conduct our public hearings so that we ensure the safety of our witnesses as well as the commissioners.

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