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**HEALTH MARKET INQUIRY TO PUBLISH
PROVISIONAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Health Market Inquiry (HMI) continues to engage with stakeholders who made submission past their allocated times as a result the Provisional Findings and Recommendations Report will now be published on 28 June 2018.

This will afford HMI experts sufficient time to assess and interrogate submissions raised by stakeholders which were recently submitted to the HMI. The Provisional Report was scheduled to be published this Thursday 31 May.

The HMI opened a Data Access Room to stakeholders in order to facilitate a fair opportunity for them to comment on the published expenditure analyses reports and to allow stakeholders' external experts and advisors access to the underlying confidential information and data.

Thus, additional time was required by these stakeholders to complete their analyses, in order to fully respond to the HMI expenditure reports. In the interests of procedural fairness and to ensure that the inquiry process has been thoroughly validated, the HMI Panel decided to delay the release of the Provisional Report.

The HMI has taken steps to reassure stakeholders of the integrity of the process, to prevent any further delay that may result from legal disputes.

The Panel will hold a press conference on 28 June 2018, during which the chair will officially present and release the Provisional Report to stakeholders and the public. Further details on the press conference will be communicated in due course.

The panel chair, Justice Sandile Ngcobo, will further, at the press conference, provide details on the stakeholder comment period allowed for the Provisional Report. In addition, the Provisional Report will provide a further opportunity for engagement with stakeholders before the final report is released.

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