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Dear Colleagues,

I hope this correspondence finds you all in good health.

The Department is currently dealing with a quagmire of demands for payment from sub-contractors who claim that they were given instructions to proceed with the sewing of school uniforms. This is despite an instruction from the Executive Authority that only main contractors should be considered, and that should the main contractors wish to be assisted by sub-contractors, that would be a matter they would have to deal with between themselves.

A number of sub-contractors have informed the Department that they continued with the sewing of school uniforms as they would have received instructions from DSD Officials. The understanding of the sub-contractors was that those Officials were representing the Department in their official capacities hence the expectation of being paid.

I am therefore writing to yourselves to establish whether any of you gave such instructions, and if so, to which sub-contractors and for what amounts. Your speedy response will be highly appreciated as we would like to finalize on this matter asap.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matilda Gasela'.

Matilda Gasela

Head of Department

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