

# BROKEN COMMUNICATION LINK CAUSED TEACHERS' SALARIES PROBLEMS



Hon. Minister of Finance, Mr H.T. Madonsela.

new salary system was introduced to facilitate the introduction of the new tax system, and at the same time a new computer was commissioned to provide for the growth in computer services required. In view of these, people, even working right through the night, were still under tremendous pressure to complete the preparation of salary cheques.

Fourthly, as a result of certain computer work by another operator it was necessary to use information relating to June 1983 teachers' salaries. Consequently and due to unfortunate human element the preparation of March 1984 salary cheques for teachers were proceeded with without realising that the incorrect information was being used.

The Honourable H.T. Madonsela said he has to express his regrets to all those inconvenienced and can assure them that every endeavour is being made to rectify the errors that occurred, both underpayments and overpayments and those who did not receive their salaries.

It is envisaged that in respect of underpayments, overpayments and those who did not receive their salaries will be read on 13 April 1984. Any overpayment will be recovered from salary payments for April 1984.

Teachers under KwaZulu government Service salaries were erroneously based on information in the computer for June 1983.

The Honourable Mr H.T. Madonsela, of Finance said the result of an unfortunate set of circumstances was that firstly,

due to the disruption caused by four washaways of the communication link over the White Umfolozi River, work in the computer division fell in arrear.

Secondly, some 7 000 new payments had to be accommodated in the computer system, thirdly, a