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REPORTER:“Teaching in Freedom, Empowering Teachers” is this year's WTD theme, what is the relevance of this theme?

NDLOVU: Yes it is relevant. We are chasing the issue of Teaching Professions Council and it will bring forth freedom in the teaching profession. We want academic freedom and responsibility for educators in that freedom. We are striving for a profession that can give the guaranteed quality public education the country needs, so the theme is very relevant.

REPORTER: How do you want teachers in Zimbabwe to be empowered as ZIMTA?

NDLOVU: Firstly empowerment is to recognize that teachers are important. There is need to improve conditions of service, accommodation and teachers need satisfying salaries. As a country we should invest in the teaching profession by ensuring an appropriate curriculum and adequate teaching materials.

REPORTER: Are Zimbabwean teachers currently enjoying their freedom in teaching. Why and why not?

NDLOVU: The answer to that lies between the two. Teachers are receiving attention from parents who contribute to schools. However teachers lack accommodation and teaching materials. So there is an effort to make teachers enjoy their freedom but it is not enough, we feel more should be done.

REPORTER: In your view, what should the government, the largest teacher employer in Zimbabwe do to ensure that teachers teach in freedom?

NDLOVU: The government should guarantee that public education is adequately funded by the State.