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Press release 5 of 2016: CMS Annual Report launch postponement

The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) confirms that the postponement of the launch of its Annual Report 2015-2016 was for procedural reasons. The Minister of Health, Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi, required that the CMS should first present its Annual Report in Parliament, before launching it to the public. The CMS has accordingly postponed the launch of the Annual Report until it has been tabled at the meeting of the Health Portfolio Committee.

The interdict granted by the High Court today on the COMMED matter came after the postponement of the launch and has no bearing on the postponement communicated on 31 August 2016.

The CMS is aware of comments circulated to the media by Dr Monwabisi Gantsho, former Chief Executive and Registrar of the CMS, in response to an article by Chris Barron in the *Sunday Times* of 28 August 2016 and as explained above confirms that the Annual Report launch was not postponed due to the comments made by Dr Gantsho.

For the sake of completeness, the press release that was circulated on 2 July 2015 is attached for your information.

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