# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3490**

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**Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department has considered using a device researched and manufactured by a certain company (name furnished) which detects biomarkers found in human tears (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

No. The Department of Health is dedicated to implementing the latest available technology to diagnose breast cancers. However the technology using human tears is still being researched and is not available for clinical use.

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