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**561. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Does she still intend to conduct a baseline survey on substance abuse in the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the (a) relevant details of the process that will be followed and (b) further relevant details in this regard? **NW619E**

**Reply:**

Yes,

1. The Department is planning to conduct the baseline survey on substance abuse in the country.
2. The Department has prioritized the survey as it plays a crucial role especially for the importance of provision of the updated data on the nature, extent and patterns of substance abuse. The project will commence during 2017/2018 financial year.