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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 5**

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**Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the fact that (a) private hospitals are flourishing while public health services are collapsing and (b) the population continues to grow, while hospitals are still of the same size, can he indicate whether there are any plans to create more referral centres with specialised care in rural areas of the provinces; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

Yes.

The Department of Health has adopted an integrated model of care whereby all service users must be consulted within the provision of health care services.

In rural areas where specialized services are not in reach of where communities live, plans are underway to contract with private providers. In areas where there are no private providers communities will be served through specialist outreach services.

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