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**1056. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether her department has sufficient Environmental Health Safety Officers and/or professionals to monitor adherence to safety and health issues at early childhood development centres; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?NW1304E

**REPLY:**

I would like to inform the Honourable Member that recruitment and deployment of Environmental Health Officers are employed by the Department of Health (DOH) and local municipalities.

Early Childhood Development (ECD) is an integrated service delivered by different departments and the roles and responsibilities thereof are clearly outlined in the National Integrated Early Childhood Development Policy approved by Cabinet in 2015.