# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1098**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether there has been any (a) allegations and (b) investigations into any staff member of the Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) in the past 10 years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (i) what are the reasons for such investigations, (ii) who are the implicated individuals and (iii) what are their roles within GEMS;

(2) what have been the legal costs each year for the past 10 years;

(3) what total number of GEMS employees are currently on paid suspension;

(4) what (a) total number of GEMS employees have been suspended and (b) are the (i) reasons for their suspension and (ii) allegations against them?

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**REPLY:**

It is our considered view that in view of the Government Employees Medical Scheme (GEMS) being an entity falling under the responsibility of the Department for the Public Service and Administration, this question would be best be answered by that Department and not Health.

Parliament is therefore requested to divert this question to the Ministry for the Public Service and Administration accordingly.

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