# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 11**

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**Mr N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What (a) is the number of Medical Cannabis Licences that were issued to date and (b) are the names of the applicants and/or entities that were issued with licences;

(2) what were the reasons for the delay to issue licences if none have been issued as applications have been opened since November of 2017 under the auspices of the Medicines Control Council, which is now the SA Health Products Regulatory Authority?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) None;

(b) N/A

(2) Reasons for non issue of licences

Readiness of applicants – lack of Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs), lack of Quality Management Systems to be employed at their facilities, applicants do not have plans of where and to whom they are going to sell their produce, lack of basic security features. All these findings and other deficiencies of applications have been communicated to the applicants to address.

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