# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 112**

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**Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What is the total number of (a) medical schemes in the Republic and (b) members in the specified medical schemes;

(2) what is the total number of staff members currently working at each of these medical schemes;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The number of registered medical schemes was 76 as at Quarter 3 of 2019 (compared to 79 as at December 2018);

(b) (i) The 2019 numbers have not been audited and will only be available on 1st April 2020;

(ii) As at Quarter 3 of 2019 the number of principal members was 4 067 003 (compared to the audited number of 4 039 705 at December 2018);

(iii) As at Quarter 3 of 2019 the number of beneficiaries including dependents was 8 954 814 (compared to the audited number of 8 916 695 at December 2018);

1. The Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) is currently not collecting this information routinely;
2. Yes I am willing to make a statement on the matter.

END.