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**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

How has her Office promoted containment measures, including physical distancing and self-isolation in the disabled community, which are aspects that are difficult to manoeuvre given the reliance of the physically disabled community on the support from others? NW1429E

REPLY:

By regulating the use of guard dogs and service dogs, by regulating space between Wheelchairs in queues in service points, by encouraging the use of white canes instead of guards, by agreeing with the retail industry to allocate time and date for persons with disabilities and setting aside dates for the receipt of disability grants. This was published on the 2nd April 2020 Regulation 117B of the National Disaster Management Act (Alert

Level S) “The State has to take reasonable measures within its available resources to ensure safety and protection of persons with disabilities”

The Maintenance of social distance and self-isolation was adhered to by care givers and persons with disabilities, except in certain circumstance and instance such as SASSA Cape Town incidents. There is no MOA because this was done within the workstreams and in consultation with the Organisations of Persons with disabilities. It applies to all spheres of Government.

# Approved by Minister

Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP  
Date 29/10/2021