# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1255**

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

(1) In view of the fact that local service providers are being appointed in order to do deep cleaning at the clinics, (a) will he furnish Mrs M O Clarke with a list of the (i) service providers and (ii) clinics they are cleaning within the City of Ekurhuleni and (b) how often are the clinics being cleaned;

(2) whether criteria have been put in place in terms of the deep cleaning process; if not, why not; if so, will he provide Mrs M O Clarke with the criteria that have been put in place?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) (i) There is no list of the service providers that have been appointed in order to do deep cleaning at the clinics. Ekurhuleni Health District is using the Meridian Hygiene company to do deep cleaning at the clinics. A letter of appointment of Meridian Hygiene is attached as **Annexure A.**

 (ii) Clinics they are cleaning within the City of Ekurhuleni are on the attached list **(Annexure B)**

(b) The clinics are fogged and deep cleaned each time there has been a positive case that has been reported in the facility. This is done in line with the guidelines issued by the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC). The process of deep cleansing is being monitored by the Ekurhuleni Steering Committee Members and the Environmental Health Practitioners.

1. Yes. There are criteria that have been put in place in terms of the deep cleaning process guide. The attached document explains in detail the criteria that are being followed for deep cleaning. Please refer to part (iii) on the second page of **Annexure B.**

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