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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) (a) What is the total number of (i) foetal and (ii) maternal deaths that have occurred in (aa) each State hospital and (bb) private health facility in the past five years, (b) which of the specified hospitals had the highest number of deaths and (c) what is the breakdown of the specified deaths in each province;

(2) whether his department has identified the reasons for the deaths in each case; if not, why not; if so, what are the causes?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a)-(b) The attached **Annexures** provide the details in this regard.
2. **Causes of foetal deaths**

According to the Saving Babies Report 2017-2019 (pg 13-14) the following are the causes of foetal deaths

1. Hypoxia
2. Infection
3. Congenital abnormalities
4. Immaturity related causes

**Causes of maternal deaths**

According to the Saving Mothers Report 2017-2019 (Pg-20, 80-83), and Impact of COVID-19 on maternal health Report 2021 the following were the causes

1. Non-Pregnancy related infections related to HIV
2. Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
3. Medical and surgical disorders
4. Obstetric Hemorrhages
5. Miscarriages and Ectopic pregnancies
6. Pregnancy related sepsis

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