# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1349**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 23)**

**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What safety measures have been put in place at health institutions to ensure that mentally-challenged patients are safe and inter alia adhering to social distancing to control the spread of Covid-19;

(2) what number of new intern doctors (a) have been placed and (b) are still waiting to be placed considering that his department can use all hands on deck at this time of the Covid-19 pandemic?

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**REPLY:**

The Honourable Member is kindly informed that the information being requested by this question is not readily available from the National Department of Health, but we rely on the Provinces to furnish us with such information to enable me to respond to the Question.

I have accordingly requested all the MECs for Health to furnish me with the relevant details and I will provide a full response as soon as I have received such information from the provinces.

END.