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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms S A Buthelezi (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What are the (a) reasons for including Thaba Tshwane in tender specifications for the new Department of Health Headquarters and (b) benefits of the location for providing efficient and effective public services? **NW144E**

**REPLY:**

1. The Thaba Tshwane building had enough space to accommodate the staff of the National Department of Health. And it was complying to all requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.
2. The location of the building is not affecting the mission of the National Department of Health. The compliance of the building to OHS Act brings back the focus of the health staff, it is assisting the National Department of Health to put more focus on measures that can assist the provincial health departments to improve the health status through the prevention of illness, disease and the promotion of healthy lifestyles, and to consistently improve the health care delivery system by focusing on access, equity, efficiency, quality and sustainability.

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