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**FOR WRITTENREPLY**

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**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted some critical vacancies in his department; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

No, COVID-19 has had little impact on the filling of vacancies within the National Department of Health due to the fact that we issued directions in terms of regulation 10(1)(a) of the regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002, (Act 57 of 2002). Section 2(1) states that *“the recruitment process in relation to critical COVID-19 related posts should be shortened by advertising a post and effecting appointments within a period of a week, on condition that an appointment may be set aside depending on the outcome of personnel suitability checks and verification processes…”*

A total of 332 appointments have been made in the National Department of Health since the declaration of a COVID-19 disaster, 304 of which are critical posts.

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