# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 16**

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**Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What is the (a) reason for a certain person’s (name and details furnished) appointment and (b) relation of the person to him;

(2) whether the relevant position was advertised; if not, why not; if so, (a) where was it advertised, (b) what number of (i) candidates applied for the position and (ii) interviews were conducted with candidates and (c) how was the decision made to appoint the specified person in the position;

(3) what role will the specified person play in the National Health Insurance?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The appointment of the Chief of Staff in the Health Ministry was done in line with the Public Service Regulation 66.

 (b) The Chief of Staff is not a family member of the Minister.

(2) Regulation 66 explains the process of filling of posts in the Office of an Executive. Regulation 66 (2) states that the Minister is not required to follow the normal recruitment  process as set out in Regulation 65. It should however be recorded that the person has the necessary qualifications, skills and experience to occupy this position.

(3) All employees of the National Department of Health are required to implement the NHI strategy. Furthermore all staff members in the Executive’s office are also required to provide support in ensuring that the mandate the Executive is required to fulfill in terms of his portfolio is achieved. NHI is part of this mandate and the specified person will play a role as required by her job description.

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