# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1686**

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**Ms N Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What number of civil law suits involving cases of negligence is the Western Cape department of health currently facing, (b) what is the reason for each civil suit involving medical negligence and (c) what is the potential cost to the Western Cape department of health for each specified case?

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# REPLY:

1. A total of 306 active medical malpractice cases against the Western Cape Department of Health;
2. These arise predominantly from alleged birth injury and surgical error;
3. The total cost of all unresolved disputes is currently projected at R200 million.

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