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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr L Mphithi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether, with reference to the Emergency Response Action Plan that was announced on 18 September 2019 as an initiative to ensure urgent emergency response to Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) article 4, point H of the GBVF declaration speaks directly to an action plan that must accompany the National Strategic Plan, will a different action plan be developed in contrast to the emergency response assistance plan noting that the declaration was signed in March 2019? NW3092E

**REPLY:**

1. During the process of developing a Gender Based Violence & Femicide-National Strategic Plan (GBVF NSP), an urgent need arose that required concerted, focused and results-oriented emergency interventions at all levels of society.
2. In September 2019, there was a noticeable spike in the national interest with several high level femicide cases raising awareness of the on-going scourge of violence against women.
3. The Emergency Response Action Plan was developed in response to the September 2019 femicide related incidents and the call for urgent action by civil society, whilst the NSP is being concluded.
4. The Emergency Response Action Plan (ERAP) is aligned to priorities raised in the National Strategic Plan (NSP).
5. Article 4 point H of the Presidential Summit states that the national multi-sectoral coordinating body shall develop a National Strategy with Action Plan for Gender-Based Violence and Femicide not later than six months after its establishment.
6. Currently, the NSP is serving through Cabinet processes. Once Cabinet approves the NSP, the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD) together with the Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (DPME) will develop and monitor the implementation framework for the NSP.
7. The NSP implementation framework will provide more details in terms of interventions to be delivered, indicators, targets and responsible stakeholder(s).
8. The NSP implementation framework will build onto, consolidate and expand on the key interventions of the Emergency Response Action Plan (October 2019 – March 2020).
9. Some of the interventions in the Emergency Response Action Plan that are on-going in nature (that is going beyond the life-span of the Emergency Response Action Plan) will be phased into the NSP implementation framework.
10. Over and above the NSP implementation framework the proposed National Council for Gender Based Violence and Femicide once established, will develop its operational plan.