**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2020**

**DUE DATE: 14 AUGUST 2020**

**1776. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

With reference to his reply to oral question 2 on 18 June 2020, (a) why has he not instructed the Government to release the full details of the modelling and assumptions used by it to determine its response to the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the full details of the modelling and assumptions will be released?

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**REPLY**

As I indicated in the National Assembly on 18 June 2020, in determining the appropriate response to the global coronavirus pandemic, government has been informed by the advice of scientists, by the experiences of other countries and from the guidance of the World Health Organization and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

In planning its health response, government has made use of the work of the South African COVID-19 Modelling Consortium (SACMC). This is a group of researchers from academic, non-profit and government institutions coordinated by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases.

The SACMC has to date publicly released the following reports:

* Long-term projections from 6 May
* Short-term projections from 6 May
* Short-term projections from 12 June

The reports are available at:

<https://www.nicd.ac.za/diseases-a-z-index/covid-19/surveillance-reports>.

Ithas also made the model codepublicly available at:

<https://sacovid19mc.github.io>.