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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1779**

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

(1) With regard to the vaccine online registration system, also known as the Electronic Vaccination Data System (EVDS), what has he found are the reasons that on 2 May 2021 it was reported that only 500 000 South Africans above the age of 60, out of a group of 5 million persons in this specific age group, have so far registered to be vaccinated;

(2) how can persons who are not equipped to register online be assisted by Government to enable them to register on the EVDS system;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. The reference date of 2 May 2021 was before the start of the National Vaccination rollout programme on the 17 May 2021. As of 31 August 2021, at 14h50 a total of 3,567,652 individuals older than 60 had registered for vaccination on the EVDS;
2. The response is as follows:

* + There are three options to self-register at no cost to the individual namely:
    - Through the internet at vaccine.enroll.health.gov.za
    - Through WhatsApp by sending a Whatsapp Message – Register to 0600123456
    - Through USSD by dialling \*134\*832#
  + Two options for assisted registration exist namely:
* Registration points at vaccination sites
* Dial the National Call Centre Toll free numbers 0800029999, the call centres agents will assist the individual to register while on the call.

1. Yes.

END.