# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1790**

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**Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether the Free State department of health has embarked on a tender process to outsource ambulance services to private ambulance service providers; if so, (a)(i) why has the provincial department done so and (ii) has he found that the tender is not in contravention of national policy and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard?

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**REPLY:**

The Free State Department of Health embarked on a tender process to procure services for Inter Facility ambulance services in order to augment the current Provincial EMS inter facility services within the Province.

The Province took the decision because of shortage of Intermediate and Advance life support staff within the Province that could be deployed on obstetric and critical ambulance inter-facility services.

Since the whole private ambulance matter in the Free State and North West is under investigation by National Treasury, we will have to wait for the findings of the investigation, to arrive at a well informed conclusion.

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