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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1810 [NW2032E]**

**1810. Ms H O Mkhaliphi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

(1) Whether his department has conducted any investigation into restaurants that have not complied with the Disaster Management Regulations and the Level 3 curfew; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what action was taken in this regard? NW2032E

**REPLY:**

1. Inspections were conducted in the food and Beverage as well as the hospitality sector during the period in question, to test the extent to which Covid-19 Directions (linked to the Disaster Management Regulations) were complied with. The table below provides specific details:

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| **Sectors** | **Compliance** | **Non-compliance** | **Total Inspections** | **% of total inspections** | **Follow up** | **Compliance Rate** | **Non-Compliance Rate** |
| **Food & Beverage** | **198** | **146** | **344** | **2,51%** | **41** | 57,56% | 42,44% |
| **Hospitality** | **442** | **464** | **906** | **6,62%** | **69** | 48,79% | 51,21% |

*These inspections were conducted in quarter 1 of 2021/22 in OHS. It can be noted that compliance in the two sectors were low.*

Reports are developed on a quarterly basis which details challenges and indicates possible solutions.

1. All non-complying employers were served with notices. Employers are recommended for prosecution if they do not comply after the expiry of a notice.