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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr Z G Xalisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is his department doing to curb illegal and unsafe abortions?

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**REPLY:**

(1) Provide safe terminations as part of comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health services which includes providing the full range of contraceptives.

(2) The Provincial Departments of Health are working together with the South African Police Service in dealing with illegal abortions in the country. However, the people who offer illegal abortions do not operate in clinics, they operate as mobile service providers where they make appointments with their clients to meet along the streets then take them to a house or a structure that is not easily identifiable and which are not permanent sites at which they offer these services.

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