# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the National Institute for Communicable Diseases having confirmed mumps outbreak in the Republic, what are the relevant details of his department’s contingency plan to curb the spread of the specified disease in the Republic? **NW2185E**

**REPLY:**

A retrospective review of data from National Health Laboratory Service data shows that outbreaks occur approximately every three to six years. Mumps is considered a common and mild disease with few complications which does not pose a major public health threat to the country. The Department has responded by providing information to the public and other stakeholders. Individuals with mumps are advised to stay at home until symptoms resolve and to seek health care should they develop complications.

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