# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2147**

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**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, considering that the North West Health Department has sought action against its employees who were on duty when newborn babies were put in cardboard boxes instead of incubators and/or cribs at the Mahikeng Provincial Hospital with one of the issues being that the acting chief executive officer was not made aware of the improvisation, this is an admission that hospital management is not aware of crucial shortages in their hospital and that the only way to be aware of this is if the nurses inform them directly; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW2438E**

**REPLY:**

This matter is still under investigation, the outcome thereof will be shared upon finalisation .

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