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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2155**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What (a) are the backlogs in terms of postmortems in each province, (b) are the causes of the specified backlogs and (c) steps have been taken to deal with the backlogs;

(2) how long does it take to compile a report for a postmortem;

(3) how long does it take to complete a general postmortem;

(4) (a) what total number of reports are outstanding at the forensic chemistry laboratories in terms of postmortem requirements, (b) for how long have such reports been outstanding and (c) what is the cause of the delay?

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**REPLY:**

The National Department of Health is working with Provincial Departments of Health to finalise this information and the Minister will provide a full response as soon as the required information is received from the provinces.

END.