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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2256**

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**Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What are the reasons that unemployed community nurses are not utilised for the vaccination programmes in areas where shortages of nurses exist?

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**REPLY:**

According to the Scope of practice of nurses, only professional nurses registered with the South African Nursing Council (SANC) are allowed to administer vaccinations. Enrolled nurses, also registered with SANC, may administer vaccinations under the supervision of a professional nurse, on condition that they receive the relevant training.

Currently, there are no nurses registered with SANC in the “community nurse” category. For this reason, the Department of Health (DoH) may not use nurses who are not registered with SANC.

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