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# QUESTION:

**2358.Mr S Tambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

In light of vaccination efforts which have been ongoing, as well as the 2021 Local Government Elections which were characterised by mass gatherings, what is the rationale of maintaining lockdown regulations after the elections?

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# REPLY:

Current measures contained in the regulations for dealing with the disaster in the context of the risk adjusted strategy therefore remain necessary to limit the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Accordingly, ongoing assessments by the National Coronavirus Command Council and Cabinet will determine the satisfaction of conditions for terminating or allowing the state of disaster to lapse. The current epidemiological trends, health system capacity and other factors, including, the rate of infected persons needing hospitalisation and the mortality rate, underscore the rationale to maintain lockdown regulations after the elections.