# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 246**

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**Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the fact that the Matlapaneng Clinic in Ward 3 of the Greater Taung Local Municipality caters for six villages in total, and in view of the fact that patients are often met with a shortage of staff and often return without receiving assistance, on what date is it envisaged that other clinics will be built in the area so as to offer relief to the Matlapaneng Clinic?

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**REPLY:**

Matlapaneng Clinic within the Greater Taung Sub-District operates 24 hour, 7 days a week service and renders the full package of primary health care services. This Clinic refers to Pudimong Community Health Center which is 8 km away. There are two clinics within the neighbouring villages to Matlapaneng, namely Leshobo Clinic and Mokgareng Clinic and both clinics are within 13 km from Matlapaneng Clinic.

Matlapaneng Clinic has 13 professional nurses and 3 Enrolled Nursing Assistants. The Clinic provides services to a population of 3,608 from the Matlapaneng Village, with an average headcount of 1,431 per month.

The province is of the view that there is currently no need to build another clinic within the surrounding villages, because the priority is in other villages where there are no clinics at all.

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