# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 258**

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**Mrs M R Mohlala (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether he has been informed that the Themba Hospital at the Kabokweni informal settlement in the Ehlanzeni District Municipality in Mpumalanga has an intermittent water supply, which makes it difficult for all involved at the specified hospital to adhere to COVID-19 protocols; if not, why not; if so, what steps has he taken to ensure that the hospital has a sufficient water supply?

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**REPLY:**

According to the Mpumalanga Provincial Department of Health, the Department has noted water challenges in Kabokweni and Themba Hospital due to lack of / failure to provide bulk water supply from City of Mbombela municipality. The Department has subsequently installed two boreholes and procured two water tankers to supply the hospital with water in order to address water shortages at the facility. The Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport and City of Mbombela they are also assisting the Department with their own water tankers.

It must be noted that these tankers will remain in the hospital until Municipality bulk water supply is restored.

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