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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2663**

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**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With regard to the Auditor-General’s Budgetary Review and Recommendation Report dated 10 November 2021, which was presented to the Portfolio Committee on Health, wherein it was noted under consequence management that investigations within his department are either not initiated or those initiated were not completed and, therefore, no one was held accountable for the irregular or fruitless expenditure, what (a) total number of current investigations have been launched by his department regarding irregular and fruitless expenditure in this financial year, (b) is the status of the investigations referred to in (a) and (c) total number has been completed in specific?

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**REPLY:**

1. In the financial year 2021/22, there are no new irregular expenditure cases for the two quarters reported.

There are 8 Irregular expenditure and 25 Fruitless and Wasteful expenditure cases registered from previous financial years.

(b)  A total of 8 irregular expenditure cases are under investigations and 25 Fruitless and wasteful expenditure cases are pending investigation.

(c)   None has been finalised to-date, but cases are reported to our Audit and Risk Committee on a quarterly basis to ensure regular oversight on irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure cases.

Delays noted in finalizing cases are mostly due to Covid-19 and the move of the Department of Health offices from the Civitas building to Dr. AB Xuma building.

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