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# QUESTION:

**2758. Dr S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from International Relations and Cooperation with effect 3 December 2021]:***

In light of the fact that several countries have slapped the Republic with a travel ban after South African scientists alerted the World Health Organization about, Omicron the new COVID-19 variant, on what date is her department planning to undertake similar decisions in respect of countries that have occurrence of new waves? NW3273E

# REPLY:

The response sought falls within Cabinet’s broader Covid-19 containment risk adjusted strategy decision making. The department does not make the decisions on which countries are placed on the red list. Cabinet will make announcements on relevant covid-19 containment measures as and when it becomes necessary.