# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2844**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) number of surgeries and/or operations were (i) cancelled and (ii) postponed in each province since the start of the lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19 and (b) is the breakdown of reasons why the surgeries and/or operations were postponed and/or cancelled considering that patients wait for months for the dates to have surgery performed and/or operations done?

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# REPLY:

The Honourable Member is kindly informed that this kind of information is not readily available at the National Department of Health. This information must be sourced from hospitals in provinces, and therefore the department is busy collating the information from the hospitals through the provinces. The information will be shared with the Honourable Member and Parliament as soon as it is received from the provinces.

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