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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2859**

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**Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What specific interventions has he made to include African traditional healers in the fight against COVID-19?

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# REPLY:

The outbreak of Covid–19 brought new challenges in the Traditional Health Practice, which led to the Department of Health developing Guidelines for Traditional Health Practitioners in dealing with Covid-19.

The Department supported the role played by Traditional Health Practitioners during the hard lockdown period by providing them with travel permits to allow them to continue looking after their patients and assist in the prevention and control of COVID-19. Traditional Health Practitioners have also been supported by the South African National AIDS Council (SANAC), by providing them with PPE procured through the Global Fund money.

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