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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2860**

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**Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What total number of COVID-19 vaccines (a) have (i) been discarded and (ii) had their expiration date extended and/or adjusted further and (b) is the Republic still in the process of purchasing?  **NW3460E**

**REPLY:**

1. (i) No doses that were stored at the vaccine distributors have expired.

(ii) There have been three shelf-life extensions of the Pfizer Comirnaty COVID-19 vaccine. The shelf-life extensions were effective on the following dates, and the stock on hand at the vaccine distributors at the time of the extension is reflected below:

* 1 October 2021 - three-month shelf-life extension. Stock on hand at the time of extension = 9,145,590 doses.
* 14 December 2021 - three-month shelf-life extension. Stock on hand at the time of extension = 9,209,880 doses.
* 12 May 2022 - three-month shelf-life extension. Stock on hand at the time of extension = 10,449,150 doses.

(b) The Republic is not in the process of purchasing more doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

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