# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2884**

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**Dr S SThembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What number of student doctors (a) have been sent to Cuba for medical training by all government departments at all levels in each year in the past five financial years and (b) are currently in Cuba;

(2) what is the approximate amount that it costs the State to train a doctor in Cuba in comparison to training a doctor in South Africa;

(3) does the Government have any plans to increase the number of student doctors that are sent to Cuba for training; if so, what are the relevant details of such plans?

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**REPLY:**

Student doctors that have been sent to Cuba for medical training have been sent there only by the Department of Health and not any other Government Department. The total number in the past five financial years is 1 912.

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