# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3009**

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**Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Has any assistant nurse issued medication to any patient at the Komani Psychiatric Hospital since 1 January 2014;

(2) has any patient eaten faeces at the specified hospital; if so, what (a) were the circumstances around each incident and (b) plans are in place to ensure that such incidents never happen again;

(3) has he found that any tender was awarded to an entity that offered a bribe; if so, what are the relevant details of each tender?

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**REPLY:**

1. The Professional nurse dispenses the medicine in accordance with the Rules that allow nurses on the delegation of accounting office to dispense medicines prescribed by a doctor in the ward. The Assistant Nurse, on instruction of the Professional Nurse administers the medicine to the patient under the supervision of the Professional Nurse. The Professional Nurse is responsible for ensuring that the right medicines, at the right quantities are administered to the right patient and she or he has to be present at all times during this process;
2. (a) The Department is not aware of a patient at the facility who ate faeces;

(b) Not applicable;

1. The Department is not aware of any tender awarded by the facility to an entity that offered a bribe.

END.