# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3089**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether the Department of Health in KwaZulu-Natal has taken up the offer made by the private health care groups to train more than 200 nurses to counter a threatening shortage of skills; if not, why not; if so, who are the private health care groups that have offered to train nurses in the specified province;

(2) whether any of the other provincial health departments have collaborated with private health care groups in order to assist with the training of nurses; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) in which provinces has the partnership transpired and (b) what total number of nurses have been taken through the training courses? **NW3557E**

**REPLY:**

1. The KZN Department of Health is not aware of any offer made to the Province by the Private Health Care Groups to train more than 200 nurses to counter a threateningshortage of skills. Instead the Province have granted permission and support letters to Private colleges to place their students in public health establishment for them to achieve the clinical training component which cannot be provided by the private nursing schools.
2. None of the other provincial departments of health offer nurse training in collaboration with the private health care groups.

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