# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether his department has identified certain areas as tuberculosis hot spots; if so, which areas have been identified;

(2) what criteria were used to identify the specified areas as tuberculosis hot spots?

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**REPLY:**

(1) The Department has identified 17 districts as TB hotpsots for enhanced intervention (See Table 1).

Table 1: TB hotspots

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| **Province** | **TB Hotspots Districts** |
| Eastern Cape | Buffalo City |
| Cacadu |
| Chris Hani |
| Free Sate | Lejweleputswa |
| Gauteng | Johannesburg Metro |
| West Rand |
| KwaZulu Natal | eThekwini |
| Limpopo | Sekhukhune |
| Waterberg |
| Mpumalanga | Ehlanzeni |
| North West | Bojanala |
| Dr Kenneth Kaunda |
| Western Cape | City of Cape Town |
| West Coast |

(2) The following criteria were used to identify TB hotspots:

1. Number of people diagnosed with TB (exceeding 5,000 per year);
2. Treatment success (below 80%);
3. Defaulter Rate (exceeding 6.2%);
4. Death Rate (exceeding 5.6%);
5. Transferred Out Rate (exceeding 2.4%);
6. Drug resistant TB burden;
7. High concentration of (especially gold) mining

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