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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3105**

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**Dr W G James (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether the recently recalled defective rapid HIV test kits came from a batch or batches that were tested for quality by the National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD); if not, why not; if so, provide a copy of the report(s) issued by the NICD for these batches;

(2) how many batches of rapid HIV test kits have been imported by certain suppliers (names furnished) in each case since 1 April 2014;

(3) whether each of the specified batches were tested for quality by the NICD before distribution; if not, why not; if so, in respect of each of the batches, (a) what was the batch number, (b) when was an NICD report on the quality of the relevant product issued and (c) what were the findings of each report?

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**REPLY:**

(1) Yes the batches were tested by the NICD prior to distribution. Pre distribution reports attached. At the time of initial testing, the batches met the requirements.

Advanced Quality Titima Medical [2015011616](tel:2015011616)\_PMS FEB 2015

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| (2) | **SUPPLIER** | **NO. OF BATCHES RECEIVED AND TESTED** |
| ABON | 26 |
| TITIMA MEDICAL | 13 |
| ADVANCED QUALITY ARMADA | 9 |

(3) (a)-(c) Reports attached with batch numbers. All reports met the required specifications.

Herewith the batches distributed by Armada / Advanced Quality as from the start of the new tender in 2014:

[2014071401](tel:2014071401)

[2014071701](tel:2014071701)

[2014080101](tel:2014080101)

[2014090221](tel:2014090221)

[2014091821](tel:2014091821)

[2014092308](tel:2014092308)

[2014112702](tel:2014112702)

[2014121510](tel:2014121510)

[2014122409](tel:2014122409)

Total of 9 batches distributed to date.

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