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**Ms M D Hlengwa (IFP) to ask the Minister in The Presidency for Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:**

Whether, in light of reported acts of obstetric violence, which can be regarded as a form of medical xenophobia, that is committed against female refugees and foreign nationals at public hospitals in Gauteng, her Office has provided any support to female refugees in respect of healthcare in any way; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans are in place to work with the Department of Health to ensure that pregnant asylum seekers get the healthcare services they need, (b) how is her Office ensuring that public hospitals implement and adhere to the specified plans and (c) what are the penalties enforced on hospitals that **are** guilty of committing obstetric violence? NW3923E

**REPLY:**

The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities has developed Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework and Plan that identifies clear Gender Based Violence and Femicide outcomes, indicators and time bound interventions that have to be implemented by various government departments and other stakeholders, including the Department of Health (DoH).

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**Approved by Minister**

**Ms M Nkoana-Mashabane, MP**

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