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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr S Tambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What are the reasons that (a) the SA Health Products Regulatory Authority stakeholder engagement committees are controlled by pharmaceutical companies, such as Stavros as the chair of Industry Technical Group and (b) there are no public representatives in the specified forums;

(2) whether the forums are also utilised as private regulatory consultations for big pharmacies; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW4478E**

**REPLY:**

1. (a) The Industry Task Group is an industry group set up by industry itself. South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA) has no say in terms of its constitution. The SAHPRA/Industry Task Group Forum is a platform in place for SAHPRA to engage with the industry. This is Chaired by the Chief Executive Officer of SAHPRA.

(b) SAHPRA cannot comment in the constitution of the Industry Task Group.

1. No, These Forums are stakeholder engagement forums and are not private consultations

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