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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 368**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether, in light of the fact that new vaccines are additionally contaminated with aluminium, mercury and possibly formaldehyde, his department has ensured that the manufacturers of the vaccines disclose what other toxins they contain; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

The current Covid vaccines assessed by SAHPRA and approved for emergency use do not contain any of these mentioned materials. In general, as part of the quality review of manufacturing, formulation and control of the vaccine, SAHPRA checks for all excipients and any possible impurities from these and from active substances used as well as their interactions and degradation products and establish if they are in acceptable safe limits, if not they are not approved.

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