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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department has any measures put in place to absorb interns on a full-time basis after their completion of internship programmes in the public health sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW4512E**

**REPLY:**

There are various Internship programmes offered in the health fields of studies. In most instances, the graduates are required to perform a compulsory one-year community service programme in accordance with the Community Service Policy, after completing their Internship Programme.

It is the responsibility of the Department of Health to provide these graduates with a platform to perform the required Community Service Programme. On completion of the said Community Service Programme, only graduates who are recipients of bursaries from the Public Services are given contract employments to work-back their bursary obligations in terms of their Bursary Contracts with the respective Provinces that offered them bursary.

All other graduates after completion of their community service, are given an ample opportunity to apply for available positions as advertised in the Public Service and/or the Private Sector and there is no automatic absorption.

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