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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3714**

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**Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) (a) What are the reasons that a 15-year old Zenizole Vena, an underage rape victim, was turned away at the Motherwell Clinic in the Eastern Cape due to her not having a case number and (b) which disciplinary measures have been taken against the nursing staff that were on duty on that specific day at the clinic;

(2) whether the nurses have been suspended pending the outcome of an investigation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW4502E**

**REPLY:**

(1) (a) The reasons will be established through a formal investigation.

(b) The staff involved will be subjected to a formal investigation in line with the Labour Relations Act and other labour related legislation and prescripts. Recommendations of investigation reports will be implemented.

(2) The nurse who was on duty when this incident occurred has not been suspended yet, because she has been on sick-leave ever since the incident. She will be served with the required disciplinary process communication instruments on her return. Should her absence be prolonged, the Eastern Cape Department of Health will serve her with these instruments while at home.

END.