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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3745**

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

In view of recent reports of a 15-year old girl who was gang-raped in Gqeberha, Motherwell, being turned away from a clinic and told to go and open a case before she is treated, only to die on her way to open a case, what (a) are the consequence measures of his department for medical practitioners who display gross negligence that leads to the placing of those in need in danger and in some instances deadly health situations and (b) training is available for medical practitioners when handling sensitive health matters relating to women? **NW4631E**

**REPLY:**

(a) Cases of suspected transgression/misconduct are investigated in line with the Labour Relations Act and other labour related legislation and prescripts. Recommendations of investigation reports are implemented.

(b) Training and education on being sensitive to the needs of all patients is part of the undergraduate curricula of all health cadres. Inservice training on the management of sexual assault victims and gender-based violence is available to health workers.

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