# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3801**

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**Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health**:

(1) Why did the acting Director-General in the Department of Health, Yogan Pillay, sign off the revised draft National Health Insurance Bill instead of Director General Precious Matsoso;

(2) what role did (a) he, in his capacity as Minister, and (b) a certain person (name and details furnished) play in the re-formulation of the draft National Health Insurance Bill following the publication of the Bill in the *Government Gazette* on 21 June 2018?

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**REPLY:**

(1) The Acting Director-General assumes all the responsibilities of the Director-General in terms of Section 32 of the Public Service Act. The Acting Director-General signed the revised Draft Bill after due consideration of its contents.

(2) (a)-(b) Prof Olive Shisana co-ordinates the War-Room on the National Health Insurance, which facilitates the resolution of areas that require inter-departmental concurrence. This approach results in a more rapid concurrence.

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