# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 386**

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**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What are the details of the moratorium placed on the filling of critical positions by the KwaZulu-Natal provincial department of health which were advertised in Circular G01/2022, (b) for how long will the moratorium be in place and (c) what factors were considered to justify the moratorium?

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**REPLY:**

The KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Health informed that-

1. The Circular was issued by the Department as a cost containment plan for the management of budget allocated. The primary aim is to ensure that there is no over expenditure on COE amongst other things as a turnaround strategy to reduce the over expenditure in the budget allocated.

1. The Department will closely monitor the spending of budget in which it will allow the filling of critical posts whilst the moratorium is in place as a cost containment plan.
2. The resolution by the Provincial Executive Council, Provincial Treasury and relevant Portfolio Committees is that the accounting officer submits and implements a turnaround plan that will ensure the Department does not over-spend its budget allocation as envisaged in section 39(2)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act of 1999, as amended.

END.