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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Dr S S Thembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) is the total number of cases of negligence by medical staff that were recorded at each hospital in the country, (b) is the name of each hospital, (c) are the details of each negligent act that occured, (d) is the name of each medical staff member who committed the negligent act, (e) is the name of the person who suffered as a result of the negligent act and (f) action was taken in response to the negligence?

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**REPLY:**

Honourable Member, I wish to strike an understanding with you that the concept of negligence by medical staff is not something that is just recorded at each hospital. It is rather a verdict that can only be arrived at by a Judicial or quasi judicial process.

As such, I will need to contact judicial and the quasi judicial structures in health, in this case the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), to get the correct information and will revert back to you as soon as I have it.

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