# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 444**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 05)**

**Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) (a) What action is his department taking with regard to the horrific treatment of a certain patient (details furnished), (b) what is the name of each (i) nurse and (ii) doctor who attended to the patient, (c) what action has been taken against each nurse and each doctor and (d) how did the baby land up in a mortuary in Springs;

(2) whether he has found that the National Health Insurance is going to curb the horrific treatment of patients at the country’s public healthcare facilities; if not, what is the position in this regard?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) The Hospital and provincial department of Health could not test the allegations as the complainant declined a redress meeting.

 (b) (i) PN Mpho Lebese

 (ii) Dr SM Kalasa

(c) No action was implemented against the staff since the allegations could not be confirmed.

(d) The body of the baby was procedurally handed over by the hospital to the Far East Funeral Undertakers. The hospital can therefore not comment on how it “landed up” in Springs. Far East Funeral Undertakers is located in Actonville, Benoni. The parent’s residential address, as provided by her is 697 Rawat Street, Actonville.

(2) Whether there is NHI or not, there should be no horrific treatment of patients in any healthcare system.

END.