**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 1 MAY 2020**

**DUE DATE: 15 MAY 2020**

**725. Adv G Breytenbach (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:**

(1) With reference to his announcement on 15 March 2020, (a) on which existing Act of Parliament, regulation or provision of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, (a) did he rely to establish the National Command Council (NCC) to lead the Government’s national response to the coronavirus outbreak and (b) from which existing Act of Parliament, regulation or provision of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996, does the NCC derive its power, responsibility, functions and duties;

(2) whether the NCC has taken over and/or is duplicating the powers, responsibilities and functions of the (a) Intergovernmental Committee on Disaster Management, established in terms of section 4 of the Disaster Management Act, Act 57 of 2002, (b) National Disaster Management Advisory Forum, established in terms of section 5 of the specified Act, and/or (c) National Disaster Management Centre, established in terms of section 20(1) of the specified Act; if not, what is the position in this regard;

(3) (a) what are the details of the powers, responsibilities, functions and duties of the NCC and (b) in which ways do the specified powers, responsibilities, functions and duties differ from each of the other specified mechanisms established to date? NW929E

**REPLY:**

1. The National Coronavirus Command Council (NCCC) – originally known as the NCC – was established as a committee of Cabinet by the Cabinet in its meeting of 15 March 2020.
2. No.
3. The NCCC coordinates government’s response to the coronavirus pandemic. The NCCC makes recommendations to Cabinet on measures required in terms of the national state of disaster. Cabinet makes the final decisions.