# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 772**

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

(1) What total amount does the Government pay in annual membership fees to the World Health Organisation (WHO);

(2) (a) which countries have been denied membership to the WHO and (b) what are the reasons?

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**REPLY:**

1. The WHO Programme Budget is financed through a mix of assessed and voluntary contributions. Assessed contributions are the dues countries pay in order to be a member of WHO. The amount each Member State must pay is calculated relative to the country's wealth and population. However, assessed contributions remain a key source of financing for the Organization. The WHO assessed contributions are due and payable annually as of 1 January from all WHO Member States and Associate Members (currently 194 Member States and 2 Associate Members). Member's contributions are assessed in two currencies - half in United States dollar and half-in Swiss francs.

For 2020, South Africa’s assessed contribution is US$ 650,715 and Swiss Francs (CHf) 664,380 estimated at approximately R12 038 228 and R12 636 508 respectively and totalling of R24 674 736

(2) (a) None

(b) Not applicable

END.