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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 824**

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**Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether his department has plans to accredit laboratories in public hospitals to test for Covid-19; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, by what date will hospitals be accredited?

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**REPLY:**

All the laboratories in public hospitals that test for COVID-19 are part of the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS). These laboratories are accredited with the Standard ISO 15189. Furthermore, all laboratories participate in the external quality assurance and proficiency testing schemes to ensure quality results.

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