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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 921**

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**Mr G R Krumbock (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether there is any position of (a) chief executive officer, (b) chief financial officer and/or (c) chief operating officer that is currently vacant in each entity reporting to him; if so, (i) how long has each specified position been vacant and (ii) what is the reason for each vacancy;

(2) have the vacancies been advertised; if so, (a) were interviews done and (b) on what date will the vacancies be filled;

(3) (a) what is the total number of persons who are currently employed in the specified positions in an acting capacity, (b) for what period has each person been acting in each position and (c) has any of the specified persons applied for the positions?

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**REPLY:**

(1) Yes.

 (a) There is currently a vacancy for the position of the Chief Executive Officer each at the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) and the Office of Health Standards Compliance (OHSC);

 (i) The position of CEO at the CMS has been vacant since January 2017 and since July 2015 at the OHSC;

 (ii) The incumbent at the CMS passed on untimely. The vacancy at the OHSC occurred as a result of the Interim CEO's retirement.

 (b) No ;

 (c) No.

(2) The position of the CMS Registrar/CEO was advertised on 19 March 2017, whilst the OHSC's position for CEO was advertised on three occasions during 2015/16;

 (a) The date for the interviews for the CMS Registrar/CEO is yet to be confirmed. The OHSC conducted interviews following each advertisement;

 (b) It is expected that the CMS CEO position will be filled by July 2017. The OHSC will be embarking on the headhunting process as no suitable candidate could be identified. The date for interviews in this regard is yet to be determined.

(3) (a) The total number of persons who are currently employed in an acting capacity is as follows:

 One (1) for the CMS appointed as acting CEO. One (1) for the OHSC appointed as acting CEO. Two (2) for National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) - one (1) person to act in the position of CEO and the other to act in the position of Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The NHLS positions are owing to the precautionary suspensions of the CEO and the CFO.

 (b) The period for which each person has been acting is - 1 February 2017 for the CMS, 1 August 2015 for the OHSC and 23 February 2017 for the NHLS.

 (c) Only the acting CEO of the OHSC has previously applied for the specified position.

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