# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 932**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 10)**

**Mr I S Seitlholo (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether the interim council has been appointed, following the notice on 31 January 2022 published in the *Government Gazette* 45845 for submission for nomination regarding the Traditional Health Practitioners Council and the appointment of the interim members of the specified council; if not, why not; if so,

(2) whether section 6 of the Regulation Relating to the Appointment of Members of the Interim Traditional Health Practitioners Council of South Africa, Act 22 of 2007, was complied with; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether the council has complied with the expected functions in terms of the Traditional Health Practitioners Act, Act 22 of 2007, and specifically relevant sections of the specified Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the council has (a) telephone numbers, (b) an email address and (c) offices from which registration of traditional health practitioners can be verified and authenticated by the general public; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW1038E**

**REPLY:**

1. The Interim Traditional Health Practitioners Council of South Africa (ITHPCSA/Council) has not been appointed. The appointment of the ITHPCSA was pending consultation between the Minister and the traditional health practitioners’ stakeholders. The consultation in this regard was held on 23-24 February 2023.
2. Regulation 6 of the Regulations relating to the appointment of members of the ITHPCSA provides that the Minister must publish the names of persons appointed to the Council in the *Gazette*. This regulation will be complied with upon finalization of the appointment of Members of the Council.
3. The Council once appointed will be expected to comply with the provisions of the Traditional Health Practitioners Act, 2007 (Act No. 22 of 2007).
4. The process to register traditional health practitioners will be undertaken subsequent to the appointment of the Council. Enquiries related to the registration and other matters can be directed to the Interim Registrar: Mr Kgereshi Mokwena as follows: (012) 3958018; (b) Kgereshi.mokwena@health.gov.za (c) Dr AB Xuma Building, 1112 Voortrekker Rd, Pretoria Townlands 351-JR, Pretoria

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