# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 942**

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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) (a) What total number of complaints have been (i) received from women who claim to be abused during labour by health workers and (ii) resolved, (b) at what hospitals did the specified abuse occur and (c) what measurers has his department put in place to deal with the issue;

(2) what measurers has his department put in place to deal with the epidemic of obstetric violence;

(3) what (a) total number of complaints have been received from patients who did not sign in terms of consent to undergo episiotomies during labour and (b) are the names of the health facilities where this has occurred?

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**REPLY:**

The information requested by this question is not readily available at the National Department. The Department is working with all provincial departments of Health to source this information. As soon as the information is received, the Minister will furnish a full response in this regard.

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