# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 947**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

Whether there are any special considerations and/or arrangements that are in place to allow children and/or close relatives to visit a dying parent or family member who is accommodated in a quarantine site; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the officials and/or offices that members of the public can approach for assistance with such cases?

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**REPLY:**

Quarantine is for people or groups who are asymptomatic, but who may be infected with COVID-19. They are thus generally healthy. In cases where a patient has become ill, they would either be sent to an isolation facility if found to be positive, and if they are found to be critical would be admitted to a hospital for care. Quarantine facilities are thus utilised for healthy people that are awaiting the incubation period of the virus. As soon as a person becomes ill, they will be moved out of quarantine to obtain appropriate clinical care.

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