**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO. 977 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**977. Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) How many government hospitals in, (i) Namaqualand and (ii) Kleinzee were closed in the past five financial years, and in each case, what is the (aa) name, (bb) location and (cc) reason for the closure of each specified hospital?

**REPLY:**

(i) In Namakwa there are 2 district hospitals; Dr van Niekerk Hosp in Springbok and Abraham Esau Hosp in Calvinia. No public hospital was closed in the Namakwa District during the past 10 or more years.

(ii) Kleinzee Hospital is a private facility owned by De Beers Mining Company and was closed due to the down scaling of the mining activities in Kleinzee.

(aa) - (bb) The Department has no record of any Government Hospitals that have closed in Namaqualand nor in Kleinzee.

(cc) The only Hospital in Namakwa or in Kleinzee that closed in the past 5 years is the Private Hospital which is still owned by De Beers. In this regard there is an engagement process for the facility to be donated to the Northern Cape Department of Health.

The facility was closed due to De Beers scaling down their operations and moving their staff to other business units across SA and Southern Africa.