

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 1570

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Mr N D du Toit (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

Whether health risk managers have been appointed in terms of the Policy and Procedure on Incapacity Leave and Ill-health Retirement; if not, (a) why not and (b) when does she anticipate that such managers will be appointed; if so, (i) when were the specified managers appointed, (ii) what are the names of the persons who have been appointed as health risk managers and (iii) to which provinces has each health risk manager been allocated? NW1916E

REPLY:

No Health Risk Managers have been appointed nationally.

(a) The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) is responsible for the appointment of a Panel of Health Risk Managers from which Departments can select and contract a Health Risk Manager. The process of selecting and contracting panels by the Departments has been suspended pending the resolution of a legal challenge instituted by an unsuccessful bidder. An attempt to implement a contingency plan was also halted due to a possible lawsuit from the unsuccessful bidder. This has resulted in all departments in all provinces not being able to appoint a Health Risk Manager until these legal matters are resolved by the DPSA.

(b) The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has been informed that the matter served in court in March 2013, but judgment has been reserved.