NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION: 5889

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr A D Beesley (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Health:

With reference to the interim report of the Special Investigating Unit into the Tembisa Hospital investigation, which identified the looting of more than R2 billion involving 207 service providers who traded with the hospital under 4 501 purchase orders, (a) which of the specified suppliers have been blacklisted by his department, (b) what are the reasons for the delay in blacklisting them and (c) what are the key timelines for finalising the blacklisting process for all 207 suppliers?
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REPLY:

(a),(b),(c) The Department of Health did have a National Health Council (NHC), a structure chaired by the Minister, Deputy Minister and All the nine MECs for Health and their officials. It is also attended by the Surgeon General of the South African Military Health Services (SAMHS) and SALGA. This is a statutory body. In one of their meetings, on the 16th and 17th October 2025, the NHC invited the SIU to come and present the Tembisa Report. The SIU was then requested by the NHC to blacklist the companies, because the Department of Health does not have a mandate to blacklist companies.

The response we got was that only National Treasury can blacklist companies from participating in government contracts. The SIU informed us that they are submitting the names of these companies to National Treasury for the purpose of blacklisting. We will wait for the National Treasury processes to be completed.

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