

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether his department was informed of the pending crisis in the Free State health department in the 2008-09 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what action did his department take;
- (2) whether his department invoked any sections of the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, empowering him to use funds from national revenue to assist the Free State health department; if not, why not; if so, (a) how much revenue was used, (b) when was it transferred and (c) for what purpose was it intended;
- (3) whether the revenue amount transferred to the Free State health department was sufficient for them to lift the moratorium on all health services; if not, (a) what amount would have been sufficient and (b) why was the full amount not transferred?

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REPLY:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) 27 November 2007.
 - (b) Additional funds were made available through the adjustments budget process in 2008.
- (2) Yes.
 - (a) R 176 258 million.
 - (b) From November 2008.
 - (c)

Purpose	Amount (R million)
Compensation of employees (ICS)	66 025
Occupation Specific Health	62 186
Medical Goods and Services	29 438
Forensic Pathology grant	15 500
New Vaccines	3 109
Total	176 258

- (3) The Honorable Member is kindly requested to direct this question to the province.