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**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to his undertaking that medical doctors who will not be already in posts after they have recently completed statutory community service programmes will be employed in the Public Service by 1 April 2024, what (a) are the full details of the plan to employ such doctors and (b) is the duration of the contract that the doctors will be expected to sign? **NO491E**

**REPLY:**

1. Additional budget of R3.7 billion has been allocated towards compensation of employees in the health sector for the financial year 2024/25 to address the wage bill increase and recruitment of additional staff including nurses and medical doctors.

Provincial Departments of Health had already advertised 823 since December 2023 and have reported projections of 1103 Medical Officer appointments by 1st April 2024.

(b) The recruitment plan for the department is to appoint the Medical Doctors as Grade 1 Medical Officers on permanent basis.

END.