

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO.: 1152

DATE OF QUESTION: 15 APRIL 2011

1152. Mrs C Dudley (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development:

Whether, with reference to a certain person's campaign for legalizing active euthanasia, he intends introducing legislation in this regard; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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Person referred to: Prof Sean Davidson

REPLY:-

It is suggested that the Honourable Member direct the question to the Minister of Health since that Portfolio would be responsible for the administration of any legislation dealing with euthanasia. I may however, mention that in November 1998, the South African Law Reform Commission, after a comprehensive investigation into euthanasia and the artificial preservation of life (Project 86), submitted a report on this issue to my predecessor at that time. My predecessor submitted it to the then Minister of Health for consideration.