# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Dr W G James (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) (a) How many clinical associates have (i) graduated and (ii) entered the job market in the (aa) 2012, (bb) 2013, (cc) 2014 and (dd) 2015 calendar years and (b) from which institutions did each of the specified clinical associates graduate;

(2) what are the pay scales of clinical associates;

(3) (a) when will he sign the scope of practice for clinical associates and (b) what are the full reasons for the delay in signing the specified scope of practice?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) The following table reflects the details in this regard

(i) **Number of graduates**

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| **Total Graduates per University** | | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **Total** |
| Walter Sisulu University | 23 | 24 | 21 | 31 | 15 | 36 | 150 |
| Witwatersrand University | 0 | 25 | 27 | 52 | 50 | 22 | 176 |
| University of Pretoria | 0 | 44 | 81 | 65 | 60 | 68 | 318 |
| **Total** | **23** | **93** | **129** | **148** | **125** | **126** | **644** |
| \*This table only indicates graduates who graduated at the end of each year | | | | | |  |  |

(ii) (aa) 2012, (bb) 2013, (cc) 2014, (dd) 2015

Total Graduates currently in the job market (Information received from the Twinning Centre who maintain the database of Clinical Associates)

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| **Total graduates currently employed by Provincial Departments** | |
| Gauteng | 143 |
| Free State | 22 |
| Limpopo | 21 |
| North West | 61 |
| Mpumalanga | 73 |
| Western Cape (Not participating in the Programme) 6 Clinical Associates working in private and NGOs | 6 |
| Eastern Cape | 103 |
| Northern Cape | 4 |
| Kwazulu-Natal | 54 |
| **Total** | **487** |

(b) Walter Sisulu University

Witwatersrand University

University of Pretoria

(2) Clinical Associates are currently on salary scale level 7 (seven).

(3) (a) The Scope of Practice will be signed as soon as all due processes have been completed.

(b) This being a new cadre it was critical that all relevant stakeholders be afforded an opportunity to give inputs into the draft regulations. In addition the document had to be technically reviewed by the line manager/department, as well as the Legal Unit in the Department and the Chief State Law Adviser to ensure compliance to the applicable legislative prescripts following incorporation of public comments and recommendation by the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

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