**National Assembly**

**Question No 1042**

**Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What (a) is the total number of vehicle testing stations in the Republic, (b) number of the specified vehicle testing stations are privately owned and (c) is the (i) race and (ii) gender demographic of all owners of privately-owned vehicle testing stations? NW1225E

**REPLY**

1. The combined total number (both public and private) of vehicle testing stations in the Republic is 540 (five hundred and forty)
2. The number of the specified vehicle testing stations are privately owned is 380 (three hundred and eighty)
3. (i) Race

The National Road Traffic Act, 93 of 1996 and Regulations does not define race as a criteria for application for a private vehicle testing station and the information available to the Department only relates to the nationality of persons.

The Following information was received manually from the provinces:

| **Province** | **African** | **Coloured** | **Asian** | **White** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Eastern Cape | 14 | 6 | 36 | 28 |
| Free State | 5 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| Gauteng | 19 | 0 | 57 | 59 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 3 | 1 | 36 | 18 |
| Limpopo | 18 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| Mpumalanga | 6 | 0 | 6 | 13 |
| North West | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 |
| Northern Cape | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Western Cape | 0 | 27 | 0 | 24 |

(ii) Gender demography of all privately owned VTSs

The National Road Traffic Act, 93 of 1996 and Regulations does not define Gender as a criteria for application for a private vehicle testing station. However, as part of the registration of a business on the National Traffic Information System (NaTIS) the nature of the organisation and the proxy must be identified.

The gender dispensation for the proxies of privately-owned vehicle testing stations are as follows:

| **Province** | **Female** | **Male** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Eastern Cape | 13 | 59 |
| Free State | 2 | 17 |
| Gauteng | 37 | 149 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 14 | 75 |
| Limpopo | 9 | 42 |
| Mpumalanga | 13 | 31 |
| North West | 8 | 12 |
| Northern Cape | 4 | 4 |
| Western Cape | 12 | 102 |