# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1073**

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**Mr S Mokgalapa (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to his reply to question 406 on 27 March 2017, are there any patients being accommodated in correctional services facilities due to inadequate mental health facilities in any other province; if so, (a) what is the total number of patients who are currently being accommodated, (b) in which prisons and (c) for how long?

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**REPLY:**

Yes.

Detailed answers to questions (a), (b) and (c) are as follows:

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| **Province** | 1. **Number of patients accommodated**
 | **(b) Prison facilities**  | 1. **For how long**
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| **Eastern Cape** | 14 | St. Albans  | 8-22 months |
| 14 | Grahamstown | 6-19 months |
| 43 | East London | 1-22 months |
| 1 | Wellington | 1month |
| 13 | King Williams Town | 1-11 months |
| 11 | Fort Beaufort | 10-18 months |
| 3 | Cradock  | 14-21 months |
| **Sub-total**  |  **99** |
| **Mpumalanga** | 2 | Witbank  | 84 months |
| 6 | Nelspruit  | 12-36 months |
| 1 | Middelburg | 12 months  |
| 6 | Ermelo | 1-48 months |
| **Sub-total**  |  **15**  |
| **Total**  |  **114** |

The waiting list of patients in prison facilities in Mpumalanga province is due to the lack of a specialised psychiatric hospital to render this service. Plans are underway to build a hospital, and currently patients are referred to Weskoppies Hospital in Gauteng Province, when a bed becomes available.

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