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**1215.. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

What is the total number of (a)(i) counsellors, (ii) psychologists, (iii) psychiatrists and (iv) social workers who are employed in schools (aa) nationally and (bb) in each province and (b) vacancies in each case (i) nationally and (ii) in each province?

**Response**

Different provinces package psychosocial support to schools differently. However, in general, the support is given through a combination of direct appointments at schools, mainly at special schools, and support both from the provincial and district levels through the district-based support teams. It is therefore critical that the support given is viewed as such. The information provided is based on the data on PERSAL as of the end of February 2023. It includes both district/province-based and school-based posts.

(a)(i) counsellors, (aa) nationally (bb) in each province

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| **PROVINCE** | **COUNSELLORS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **Office** | **School** |
| **GAUTENG** | 5 |  | 5 |
| **KWAZULU/NATAL** | 1 |  | 1 |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** | 1 |  | 1 |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | 2 | 39 | 41 |
| **Grand Total** | **9** | **39** | **48** |

 (ii) psychologists,(aa) nationally (bb) in each province

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| **PROVINCE** | **PSYCHOLOGISTS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **Office** | **School** |
| **EASTERN CAPE** | 15 | 7 | 22 |
| **FREE STATE** | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| **GAUTENG** | 56 | 2 | 58 |
| **KWAZULU/NATAL** | 13 |  | 13 |
| **LIMPOPO PROVINCE** | 4 |  | 4 |
| **MPUMALANGA** | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| **NORTH WEST** | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** | 4 |  | 4 |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | 64 | 39 | 103 |
| **Grand Total** | **175** | **59** | **234** |

 (iii) psychiatrists

The sector does not have the post of psychiatrists.

(iv) social workers who are employed in schools

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| **PROVINCE** | **SOCIAL WORKERS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **Office** | **School** |
| **EASTERN CAPE** | 53 | 1 | 54 |
| **FREE STATE** | 40 | 20 | 60 |
| **GAUTENG** | 137 | 20 | 157 |
| **KWAZULU/NATAL** | 68 | 5 | 73 |
| **LIMPOPO** | 62 | 9 | 71 |
| **MPUMALANGA** | 50 |  | 50 |
| **NORTH WEST** | 71 |  | 71 |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** | 20 |  | 20 |
| **WESTERN CAPE** | 95 | 1 | 96 |
| **Grand Total** | **596** | **56** | **652** |

 (b) **vacancies** in each case

 (i) nationally and  (ii) in each province?

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| **PROVINCE** | **COUNSELLORS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **Office** | **School** |
| EAST CAPE | 54 |  | 54 |
| GAUTENG | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| LIMPOPO | 5 |  | 5 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 6 | 14 | 20 |
| **Grand Total** | **68** | **15** | **83** |

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| **PROVINCE** | **PSYCHOLOGISTS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **Office** | **School** |
| EAST CAPE | 117 | 22 | 139 |
| GAUTENG | 13 | 5 | 18 |
| KZN EDUCATION |  | 4 | 4 |
| LIMPOPO | 2 |  | 2 |
| MPUMALANGA | 3 |  | 3 |
| NORTH CAPE | 8 |  | 8 |
| NORTH WEST | 29 |  | 29 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 20 | 20 | 40 |
| **Grand Total** | **192** | **51** | **243** |

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| **PROVINCE** | **SOCIAL WORKERS** | | **TOTAL** |
| **Office** | **School** |
| EAST CAPE | 65 |  | 65 |
| FREE STATE | 58 |  | 58 |
| GAUTENG | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| KZN EDUCATION |  | 10 |  |
| LIMPOPO | 4 | 7 | 11 |
| NORTH CAPE | 6 |  | 6 |
| NORTH WEST E | 8 |  | 8 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 13 |  | 13 |
| **Grand Total** | **159** | **18** | **177** |