# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1263**

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**Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What number of persons in each province (a) were hospitalised and (b) died due to the consumption of contaminated foods in the past three financial years?

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**REPLY:**

The number of persons hospitalised and died per province is not available. We do however monitor specimens sent to the National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS) that test positive. The data for the past three years by province is shown in the table below.

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| Province | Number of Food-borne Positive Tests | | |
| Eastern Cape | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Free State | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Gauteng | 4 | 7 | 3 |
| KwaZulu Natal | 20 | 9 | 10 |
| Limpopo | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Mpumalanga | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| North West | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Northern Cape | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Western Cape | 2 | 0 | 5 |

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