# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1294**

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**Mr B M Bhanga (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:** *[Interdepartmental transfer* **from *Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs*** *on 24 April 2015]*

With reference to his reply to question 439 on 17 March 2015, (a) how many initiates in each province were admitted to hospital during the 2014-15 summer initiation season and (b) what were the types of injuries suffered by the initiates in this period requiring them to be hospitalised?

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**REPLY:**

1. The table below reflects the details in this regard.

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| **PROVINCE** | **ADMISSIONS** |
| Eastern Cape | 284 |

Other provinces do not collect this information as the boys arrive at health facilities as general patients and not as initiates. The Eastern Cape Province is able to collect the information because the boys are brought by members of initiation monitoring teams at hospitals.

1. The types of injuries suffered by the initiates in this period requiring them to be hospitalised were as follows:
* Penile mutilations including amputations
* Assaults

END.