# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1306**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What total number of autopsies were done on bodies due to deaths caused by factors other than Covid-19 since 5 March 2020;

(2) what total number of autopsies were done on bodies due to deaths caused by Covid-19 since 5 March 2020;

(3) whether his department will provide a full and detailed report on how a body is handled once a person dies due to factors other than Covid-19; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether his department will provide a full and detailed report on how a body is handled once a person passes away due to Covid-19; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

1. and (2) Please refer to Table 1 below for the number of autopsies performed per province since 5 March 2020.

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| **Province** | Autopsies done on bodies due to deaths caused by factors other than Covid-19 | Autopsies done on bodies due to deaths caused by Covid-19 |
| **Eastern Cape** | 2250 | 5 |
| **Free State**  | 771 | 0 |
| **Gauteng**  | 3033 | 0 |
| **Kwa-Zulu Natal** | 2386 | 1 |
| **Limpopo**  | 986 | 0 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 977 | 0 |
| **Northern Cape**  | 373 | 0 |
| **North West** | 688 | 1 |
| **Western Cape**  | 2239 | 5 |

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