

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1417

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**1417. Mr A M Figlan (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) (a) What number of offices has his department opened at public healthcare facilities to register births in the past three financial years and (b) where is each office located;

(2) Whether a lack of funding is preventing the roll-out of these offices to all public healthcare facilities; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1519E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) No new offices were opened at public healthcare facilities to register birth since 2015/16 financial year.

(1)(b) The table below depicts the distribution of connected health facilities prior to the last three financial years. **Annexure A** attached provides the list of the location of each health public facility where birth is registered.

Table 1: Location of connected health facilities

| **Province** | **Health Facilities with Maternity Wards** | **Connected Health Facilities** | **Outstanding Health Facilities** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Eastern Cape** | 116 | 55 | 61 |
| **Free State** | 51 | 32 | 19 |
| **Gauteng** | 125 | 70 | 55 |
| **KwaZulu Natal** | 103 | 52 | 51 |
| **Limpopo** | 84 | 47 | 37 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 75 | 31 | 44 |
| **Northern Cape** | 50 | 28 | 22 |
| **North West** | 106 | 35 | 71 |
| **Western Cape** | 128 | 41 | 87 |
| **Grand total** | **838** | 391 | 447 |

1. Yes, there are challenges and they include:

* Lack of human resource capacity to place officials at health facilities due to a reduced budget for compensation of employees;
* Lack of equipment ( IT related and furniture) and IT connectivity
* Inadequate number of vehicles to transport officials from offices to health facilities due to reduction in fleet services which were used to transport officials to health facilities.

Cost required for connecting one health facility service point:

| **Requirement** | **Cost** |
| --- | --- |
| Human Resource- Level 5 Hospital Clerk (annual) | R 152 862.00 |
| Signage- Inside and outside directional signage | R 2 013.00 |
| Proline desktop CPU and monitor (DHA Specs) | R 13 912.59 |
| Oki printer | R 7 629.31 |
| Brother Multifunctional (MFC) printer | R 8 186.88 |
| Cogent CSD330 -Online Verification scanner | R 7 001.50 |
| Furniture - desk | R 4 400.00 |
| Steel lockable cabinet | R 2 750.00 |
| High back Chair | R 2 200.00 |
| Client seating ( Terminal seating unit) | R 5 000.00 |
| Portable air-conditioning unit | R 6 000.00 |
| Birth & death Registration poster with clip on frame | R 1 320.00 |
| ADSL connectivity - Line installation | R 620.00 |
| - DSL installation | R 792.00 |
| - annual subscription | R 3 619.44 |
| **Total Cost** | **R 218 306.73** |