# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTENREPLY**

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**The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) total number of the 28 000 hospital beds made available for Covid-19 patients, as announced in the address of the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, on 12 July 2020, are additional beds to the normal capacity of the public health sector, (b) is the total breakdown of the number of (i) normal capacity and (ii) additional capacity beds in each province and (c) number of the 28 000 hospital beds are located in field hospitals in each province?

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**REPLY:**

1. A total of 28,000 beds that were announced are those that had been repurposed for use for COVID-19. All the 28,000 beds are additional to normal capacity, which have been adjusted from their normal use to respond to COVID-19 hospitalisation.
2. According to the approved Departmental surge strategy for Covid-19, 80% of the general beds and 100% of the ICU will be available for admission of Covid-19 patients at peak. This excludes Psychiatric, TB, highly specialised hospitals, Private Day Hospitals, Sub-Acute and StepDown facilities). The existing hospital beds during the peak are as shown in the table below:

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| **Province** | 1. **Normal Capacity beds both Non-ICU and ICU** | | 1. **Additional capacity beds** | |
|  | **Non-ICU beds** | **ICU beds** | **Non-ICU beds** | **ICU beds** |
| EC | 12777 | 410 | 2993 | 312 |
| FS | 6573 | 235 | 642 | 40 |
| GP | 30152 | 2343 | 7309 | 2542 |
| KZN | 26358 | 1092 | 1930 | 163 |
| LP | 7905 | 113 | 93 | 70 |
| MP | 6848 | 203 | 874 | 302 |
| NW | 4624 | 187 | 1358 | 96 |
| NC | 2239 | 42 | 1582 | 182 |
| WC | 11327 | 991 | 1532 | 117 |
| **Sub Totals** | **108803** | **5616** | 18313 | 3824 |
| **Total** | **114 418** | | **22 137** | |
|  | **136 555** | | | |

1. The field beds that are allocated to the hospitals per province as additional bed capacity are reflected here below:

| **Provinces** | **No of field beds** |
| --- | --- |
| EC | 8200 |
| FS | 2352 |
| GP | 2500 |
| KZN | 1156 |
| MP | 2440 |
| NW | 1250 |
| NC | 200 |
| WC | 1268 |
| **National Total** | **19366** |

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