# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1976**

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**Mrs C C S Motsepe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) number of doctors in the Public Service are unable to perform their duties, because they are either over the age of 60 or have underlying illnesses that make them vulnerable to Covid-19 and (b) steps has he taken to replace them?

###### NW2534E

**REPLY:**

(a) The total number of Medical Doctors in the Public Health Sector, reported by the Provincial Departments of Health as being over the age of 60 is 810, and the number of doctors that are over the age of 60 and/or have underlying illnesses that make them vulnerable to Covid-19 is 250;

(b) The table outlines the steps taken by Provinces in each affected District/Regions to replace them:

**EASTERN CAPE**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| Alfred Ndzo | **2** | During this Covid-19 pandemic period the Province appointed an additional 81 (on either permanent or short term contract) medical doctors to strengthen services during Surge.   |
| Joe Gqabi: | **2** |
| Dora Nginza Regional Hospital:  | **1** |
| **TOTAL** | **5** |

**FREE STATE**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| Free State Province | 0 | Not applicable  |
| **Total** | **0** |

**GAUTENG**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| Gauteng Province | **102** | During this Covid-19 pandemic period the Province appointed an additional 473 (on either permanent or short term contract) medical doctors to strengthen services during Surge.  |
| **Total** | **102** |

**KWAZULU NATAL**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| KwaZulu Natal | 0 | Not applicable  |
| **Total** | **0** |

**LIMPOPO**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| Limpopo | 0 | Not applicable  |
| **Total** | **0** |

**MPUMALANGA**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| Mpumalanga Province | **0** | Not applicable  |
| **Total** | **0** |

**NORTH WEST**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| NgakaModiriMolema | **3** | During this Covid-19 pandemic period the Province appointed an additional 128 (on either permanent or short term contract) medical doctors to strengthen services during Surge.                          |
| Bojanala | **17** |
| Dr KK | **1** |
| Dr RSM | **0** |
| **Total** | **21** |

**NORTHERN CAPE**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| PixleyKaSeme District | **1** | During this Covid-19 pandemic period the Province appointed an additional 166 (on either permanent or short term contract) medical doctors to strengthen services during Surge.                          |
| **Total** | **1** |

**WESTERN CAPE**

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| **Institution/District/Region** | **Total number of doctors recorded** | **Steps taken to replace them:** |
| GENSES and EMS | **6** | During this Covid-19 pandemic period the Province appointed an additional 82 (on either permanent or short term contract) medical doctors to strengthen services during Surge.                          |
| GSH | **20** |
| Metro | **29** |
| Rural | **29** |
| RXH | **14** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | **23** |
| **Total** | **121** |

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