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**210. Mr P van Staden (FF Plus) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

(1) (a) In which provinces is the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) active, (b) what is the total number of EPWP workers who are currently employed in each (i) province and (ii) municipality and (c) what is the remuneration that is paid to each EPWP worker in each province;

(2) whether there is a standard or job-specific task description(s) for each EPWP worker; if not, why not; if so, what are the details of the contents of such task description(s);

(3) whether she will make a statement on the matter? **NW285E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

1. (a) The Expanded Public Works Programme is implemented across all provinces.

(b) (i) The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) informed me that a total of 309 600 work opportunities were created by the provincial sphere. (ii) While a total of 168 922 work opportunities were created in the municipal sphere, Table 1 below reflects a breakdown of work opportunities created from April 2019 – December 2019 per each sphere of government.

**Table 1: Number of work opportunities per sphere of government (April – Dec 2019)**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Province**  | **Municipal**  | **National**  | **Provincial**  | **Grand Total**  |
|  EC  |          23 329  |          65 820  |          71 662  |        160 811  |
|  FS  |            6 789  |          33 849  |          17 590  |          58 228  |
|  GP  |          21 240  |          32 821  |          28 188  |          82 249  |
|  KN  |          40 636  |          66 239  |          97 005  |        203 880  |
|  LP  |          17 231  |          42 459  |          29 980  |          89 670  |
|  MP  |          10 302  |          36 785  |          15 306  |          62 393  |
|  NC  |            4 699  |          25 029  |            5 966  |          35 694  |
|  NW  |            7 404  |          26 132  |          19 872  |          53 408  |
|  WC  |          37 292  |          30 033  |          24 031  |          91 356  |
| **Grand Total**  | **168 922**  | **359 167**  | **309 600**  | **837 689**  |

 (c) The remuneration that is paid to each EPWP worker in each province as reported into the EPWP Reporting System in the same reporting period is reflected in table 2 below.

**Table 2:** **Average participants daily wages per province per sphere**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Province | Municipal | National | Provincial | Total |
| EC | R 115 | R119 | R120 | R 118 |
| FS | R 156 | R110 | R116 | R 127 |
| GP | R 138 | R116 | R140 | R 131 |
| KN | R 154 | R113 | R118 | R 128 |
| LP | R 148 | R103 | R135 | R 129 |
| MP | R 133 | R105 | R139 | R 126 |
| NC | R 133 | R104 | R117 | R 118 |
| NW | R 161 | R102 | R133 | R 132 |
| WC | R 148 | R119 | R172 | R 146 |
| Total | **R 148** | **R111** | **R128** | **R 129** |

2. EPWP participants have a job-specific task description. The job descriptions are based on the task the participant is required to perform in the project. The tasks vary due to the scope of projects across different sectors in which EPWP is active.

3. No