**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2220. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Regarding the project to employ 10 000 youth to digitise Home Affairs records, (a) where have the first cohort been posted, (b) what number has been posted at each location and (c) what number of records have been digitised at each of the specified locations since the posting of each cohort? NW2517E

**REPLY:**

1. The first cohort of the youth has been posted in the following provinces:

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| **Name of Province** |
| **Eastern Cape** |
| **Free State** |
| **Kwazulu-Natal** |
| **Limpopo Province** |
| **Mpumalanga** |
| **Northern Cape** |
| **North West** |
| **Western Cape** |
| **Gauteng** |
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1. The breakdown of youth deployment is as follows:

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| **Eastern Cape** | 102 |
| **Free State** | 32 |
| **Kwazulu-Natal** | 136 |
| **Limpopo Province** | 171 |
| **Mpumalanga** | 55 |
| **Northern Cape** | 4 |
| **North West** | 53 |
| **Western Cape** | 11 |
| **Gauteng** | 503 |
| **Head Office** | 60 |
| **Total** | **1167** |

1. The first phase of the digitisation process is the preparation of records. This work has started in earnest in the provinces through detailed indexing and condition assessment of records. The second phase will include the full scanning which will only commence in Gauteng at a DHA storage facility during June 2023 where the initial system set-up and testing is in progress. To date, the Department has received 12 of the 20 high volume scanners that were procured. Each scanner is capable of scanning 300 pages per minute and can be operated by 6 persons. The first scanner that was installed at BVR for a test run on the 31st March 2023 was able to scan over 10 000 records in 3 hours.

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