# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What total number of laboratories in his department are currently (a) functional and (b) non-functional in each province;

(2) what (a) total number of laboratory tests still need to be conducted, (b) is the current backlog and (c) is the monthly demand for laboratory tests nationally?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) All four (4) forensic chemistry Laboratories are functional. There is one (1) laboratory each in Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria.

(b) None.

(2) (a)-(b) Total number of laboratory tests still to be conducted (including the backlog) as at 30 September 2021 refer to Table 1 below.

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| **TABLE 1** | | | | |
| **Test to be conducted as at** | **Ante-mortem drunken driving** | **Post-mortem drunken driving** | **Toxicology testing** | **Food Testing** |
| 30 September 2021 | 38,111 | 10,648 | 30,669 | 1,745 |

(c) Monthly demand for laboratory tests nationally refer to Table 2 below.

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| **TALBE 2** | | | | |
|  | **Ante-mortem drunken driving** | **Post-mortem drunken driving** | **Toxicology testing** | **Food Testing** |
| Average number of test requests received per month (5-year average) | 5,046 | 1,617 | 411 | 229 |

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