# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2286**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 23)**

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

What has been the vacancy rates for medical doctors in (a) clinics and (b) hospitals in each province in the past three years?

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**REPLY:**

1. The tables below indicate the vacancy rate percentages per province and for the last 3 years in Clinic’s (Reports as of September of each year)

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| **Clinics - Medical Officer / Specialist Vacancy rate as at September 2019** |
| **Row Labels** | **Eastern Cape** | **Free State** | **Gauteng** | **KwaZulu Natal** | **Limpopo Province** | **Mpumalanga** | **North - West** | **Northern Cape** | **Western Cape** | **Grand Total** |
| Filled | 57 | 74 | 25 | 25 | 206 | 5 | 60 | 50 | 274 | 565 |
| Vacant | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 3.0 |
| % Vacancy rate | **0.00** | **1.33** | **0.00** | **0.00** | **0.48** | **0.00** | **1.64** | **0.00** | **0.36** | **0.53** |

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| Filled | 57 | 38 | 24 | 22 | 193 | 5 | 58 | 46 | 225 | 668 |
| Vacant | 0  | 1 |  0 |  0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0  | 1 | 4 |
| Vacant | 0.00 | 2.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.52 | 0.00 | 1.69 | 0.00 | 0.44 | 0.60 |

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| Filled | 60 | 45 | 30 | 25 | 184 | 5 | 60 | 50 | 277 | 736 |
| Vacant | 13 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 79 | 6 | 18 | 11 | 18 | 180 |
| % Vacancy rate | 17.81 | 22.41 | 28.57 | 28.57 | 30.04 | 54.55 | 23.08 | 18.03 | 6.10 | 19.65 |

1. The tables below indicate the vacancy rate percentage per province and for the last 3 years in Hospital’s (Reports as of September of each year)

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| **Hospitals - Medical Officer / Specialist Vacancy rate as at September 2019** |
| **Row Labels** | **Eastern Cape** | **Free State** | **Gauteng** | **KwaZulu Natal** | **Limpopo Province** | **Mpumalanga** | **North - West** | **Northern Cape** | **Western Cape** | **Grand Total** |
| Filled | 172 | 529 | 383 | 2855 | 1288 | 957 | 443 | 70 | 1447 | 8144 |
| Vacant | 5 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 49 |
| % Vacancy rate | **2.82** | **0.75** | **0.78** | **0.35** | **0.54** | **0.73** | **0.45** | **0.00** | **0.75** | **0.60** |

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| Filled | 167 | 448 | 350 | 2567 | 1222 | 911 | 408 | 69 | 1029 | 7171 |
| Vacant | 5 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 |   | 6 | 43 |
| % Vacancy rate | 2.91 | 0.88 | 0.85 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.76 | 0.49 | 0.00 | 0.58 | 7.35 |

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| Filled | 167 | 470 | 445 | 2935 | 1325 | 1089 | 503 | 72 | 1166 | 8172 |
| Vacant | 29 | 121 | 32 | 296 | 523 | 166 | 65 | 16 | 48 | 1296 |
| % Vacancy rate | 14.80 | 20.47 | 6.71 | 9.16 | 28.30 | 13.23 | 11.44 | 18.18 | 3.95 | 13.69 |

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