

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.:** **232.**

**Dr L A Schreiber (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What (a) number of Public Service employees are currently on suspension in (i) the national and (ii) each provincial government, (b) is the average length of time that each employee has been on suspension and (c) is the breakdown of the total cost to the State for each (i) year and (ii) month that the employees have been on suspension? NW1191E

**REPLY**

The data provided in response to the question is derived fromthePERSAL system as at 30 June 2019 and is for National and Provincial Departments in terms of the Public Service Act,1994.

1. Number of employees currently on precautionary suspension in:
2. National Departments is 29.
3. Each Province

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| **Provincial Governments** | **Total Number of Suspension** |
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| Total | 16 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 2 |
| North West | 2 |
| Eastern Cape | 4 |
| Gauteng | 1 |
| Western Cape | 7 |

1. Average length of precautionary suspension for employees at:

* National Departments is 2 months,
* Provincial Departments is as follows:

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| **Provincial Governments** | **Average Length on Suspension months** |
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| KwaZulu-Natal | 8 |
| North West | 2 |
| Eastern Cape | 2 |
| Gauteng | 2 |
| Western Cape | 2 |

(c) Total cost of precautionary suspension for each (i) year and (ii) month that the employees have been suspended is based on the average salary.

(i) **2017/2018** is R 73 976, 00

**2018/2019** is R 1 319 887, 00

**2019/2020** is R 26 183 216, 00

(ii) See attached