# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 255**

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**Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What is the (a) total number of specialist doctors who are at each (i) hospital and (ii) clinic in the country as at 1 January 2018 and (b) speciality of each doctor;

(2) what is the total number of specialist doctors who are needed at each (a) hospital and (b) clinic in the country in order for each health facility to operate at maximum capacity?

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**REPLY:**

1. The table below indicate (a) the total number of specialist doctors who are at (i) hospital (b) the speciality of each specialist is not known;
2. The table below also include the number of specialists who are needed at each hospital for now, according to Vulindlela system. We do not think there can ever be a maximum capacity when it comes to staffing of hospitals with doctors. There can be a minimum but not a maximum.

END.