# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2725**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 47)**

**Ms S Gwarube (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) is the vacancy rate for specialised medical personnel in each (i) province and (ii) category of specialised medical personnel and (b) number of vacancies are there in each category of specialised medical personnel in each province?

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**REPLY:**

According to information drawn from the PERSAL System as on 30 October 2020, the overall vacancy rate for Medical Specialists in the Public Health Sector is 0.9%. The table below reflects the (a) vacancy rate in each (i) province and (ii) not per the categories of specialized medical personnel (Information not captured as such on the PERSAL System) and (b) number of overall vacancies of specialized medical personnel in each province.

Provincial Departments of Health have been requested to provide categories of Medical Specialists in each province since the information cannot be drawn from the PERSAL System and the information will be shared as soon as received.

| **Medical Specialist as at October 2020** | **Filled / Vacant** | **% Vacancy Rate** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Province** | **Health Professions** | **Filled** | **Vacant** | **Grand Total** |
| Eastern Cape | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 106 | 1 | 107 | 0.9 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 32 | 0 | 32 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist(Senior)L12 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| **Total** |  | **161** | **1** | **162** | **0.6** |
| Free State | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 87 | 0 | 87 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 14 | 0 | 14 | 0.0 |
| **Total** |  | **117** |  | **117** | **0.0** |
| Gauteng | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 2 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 495 | 3 | 498 | 0.6 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 196 | 1 | 197 | 0.5 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 162 | 2 | 164 | 1.2 |
| **Gauteng Total** |  | **861** | **6** | **867** | **0.7** |
| KwaZulu Natal | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 297 | 1 | 298 | 0.3 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 129 | 1 | 130 | 0.8 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 121 | 1 | 122 | 0.8 |
| **Total** |  | **549** | **3** | **552** | 0.5 |
| Limpopo Province | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 41 | 3 | 44 | 6.8 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 13 | 0 | 13 | 0.0 |
| **Total** |  | **66** | **3** | **69** | **4.3** |
| Mpumalanga | Medical Specialist (Sessions) | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 11 | 0 | 11 | 0.0 |
| **Total** |  | **41** | **0** | **41** | **0.0** |
| North West | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 55 | 4 | 59 | 6.8 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 16 | 1 | 17 | 5.9 |
| **Total** |  | **82** | **5** | **87** | **5.7** |
| Northern Cape | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 15 | 0 | 15 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| **Total** |  | **27** | **0** | **27** | 0.0 |
| Western Cape | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 1 | 29 | 0 | 29 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 2 | 31 | 0 | 31 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist (Sub-Speciality) Grade 3 | 56 | 0 | 56 | 0.0 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 1 | 310 | 5 | 315 | 1.6 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 2 | 157 | 1 | 158 | 0.6 |
|   | Medical Specialist Grade 3 | 196 | 0 | 196 | 0.0 |
| **Total** |  | **779** | **6** | **785** | **0.8** |
| **Grand Total** |  | **2683** | **24** | **2707** | **0.9** |

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