# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2742**

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**Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is the (a) total number of graduate doctors in the Republic who (i) are waiting to be placed as interns and (ii) have been interns but are currently unemployed and (b) reason for the delay in the placing of the graduates in hospitals in order to complete their training?

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**REPLY:**

1. The total number of graduate doctors in the Republic –
2. are waiting to be placed as interns is zero for the Annual January 2021 Cycle;
3. also, there are no interns currently unemployed.

The National Departmernt of Health has allocated a total of 2,367 medical interns and 1,693 community service: medical service officers who are eligible and qualifying South African Citizens and Permanent Residents to posts.

1. Only applicants who meet the requirements in accordance with employment Regulations in South Africa and are able to commence duty on 01 January 2021 have been allocated.

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