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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2903**

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**Mr T Rawula (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What number of (a) psychiatrists are employed at Mbizweni Psychiatric Hospital in Umzimkulu, KwaZulu-Natal and (b) patients are admitted at the hospital;

(2) (a) are all sanitation facilities at the hospital fully functional and (b) on what date were the facilities last inspected?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) There is one sessional Psychiatrist covering two days a week starting on 01 November 2018. It has been very difficult to attract full-time specialists to this rural hospital;

 (b) The Hospital is a 320-bedded facility and currently has 219 in-patients;

1. (a) Yes, sanitation facilities in the Hospital are fully functional. However, frequent interruption of water supply from the municipality is experienced for a day or two, twice a week;

 (b) Inspection and testing of the water, both running and in reservoir tanks is done on a quarterly basis, the last one having been done in August 2018

END.