**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO: 2926**

**DATE OF QUESTION: 11 October 2018**

**DATE OF SUBMISSION: 19 October 2018**

**Mr N S Matiase (EFF) to ask the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services:**

1. What is the total number of judges in (a) the country and (b) each (i) court and (ii) province? **NW3234E**

**DRAFT REPLY:**

1. The responses to question 1 are presented in the table below:

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| **(1)(a)Total Number of Judges in the country** | **(b)(i) Number of Judges in each court** | | **(b)(ii)Number of Judges in each province** | |
| 250 | Constitutional Court | **9** | Eastern Cape | 28 |
| Supreme Court of Appeal | **23** | Free State | 15 |
| Northern Cape Division, Kimberley | **6** | Gauteng | 78 |
| Eastern Cape Division, Grahamstown | **10** | KwaZulu-Natal | 30 |
| Eastern Cape Local Division, Port Elizabeth | **7** | Limpopo | 9 |
| Eastern Cape Local Division, Bhisho | **4** | Mpumalanga | 1 |
| Eastern Cape Local Division, Mthatha | **7** | Northern Cape | 6 |
| Western Cape Division, Cape Town | **32** | North West | 6 |
| North West Division, Mahikeng | **6** | Western Cape | 32 |
| Free State Division, Bloemfontein | **15** | The Constitutional Court, Supreme Court of Appeal and Labour Court are national Courts and their Judges are therefore not allocated to Provinces. The number of Judges at these courts is currently 45.  Additionally, the Competition Appeal Court has 13 Judges seconded from the Divisions of the High Court and appointed to that Court.  Labour Appeal Court has 9 Judges seconded from the Divisions of the High Court and appointed to that Court.  Land Claims Court has 2 Judges seconded from the other Divisions of the High Court and appointed to serve in that Court.  Electoral Court has 3 Judges from the other Divisions of the High Court, seconded and appointed to serve in that Court.  All the Judges in the Competition Appeal Court, Labour Appeal Court, Land Claims Court and the Electoral Court are not additional Judges as they are part of the 250 Judges currently in active service in the Superior Courts. | |
| Gauteng Division, Pretoria | **45** |
| Gauteng Local Division, Johannesburg | **33** |
| Limpopo Division, Polokwane | **6** |
| Limpopo Local Division, Thohoyandou | **3** |
| Mpumalanga Division, Nelspruit | **1** |
| KwaZulu-Natal Division, Pietermaritzburg | **16** |
| KwaZulu-Natal Local Division, Durban | **14** |
| Labour Court | **13** |
|  | **TOTAL** | **250** | **250** | |