# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3004**

**DATE OF PUBLICATION IN INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER: 19 OCTOBER 2018**

**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 33)**

**Ms T Stander (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) Whether there have been any (i) food, (ii) medicine and (iii) staff shortages at the Komani Psychiatric Hospital (aa) in the (aaa) 2014-15, (bbb) 2015-16, (ccc) 2016-17 and (ddd) 2017-18 financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2018 and (b) what steps were taken to address the shortages?

###### NW3318E

**REPLY:**

(a)(i), (ii); (aa)(aaa), (bbb), (ccc) and (ddd); and (bb)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Item  | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 1 April 2018 |
| Food shortage | No food shortage | No food shortage | No food shortage | No food shortage | No food shortage |
| Medicine shortage | No medicine shortage | No medicine shortage | No medicine shortage | No medicine shortage | No medicine shortage |

(iii) VACANCY RATE

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CATEGORY | No of Posts | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| Medical officers | 13 | 54% | 62% | 31% | 31% | 23% |
| Allied Clinicians | 26 | 26% | 26% | 35% | 46% | 42% |
| Nursing | 451 | 62% | 61% | 70% | 61% | 60% |
| Administration  | 248 | 57% | 50% | 40% | 52% | 53% |

(b)

APPOINTMENTS

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CATEGORY | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 |
| Medical officers | NIL | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Allied Clinicians | NIL | NIL | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Nursing | 13 | 14 | 31 | 14 | 9 |
| Administration  | NIL | 20 | 30 | 18 | 5 |

The following posts were advertised in 2018

* 9 x Laundry Workers and interviews have been conducted
* 3 x Laundry Supervisors were interviewed on the 23rd October 2018
* 1 x Trade Labour the advert was closed on the 19th October 2018
* 1 x Property Care Taker – the advert closed on the 19th October 2018
* 6 x Professional Nurse Speciality have been advertised (no suitable applicants)
* 5 x Enrolled Nurses have been interviewed

2 x Nursing Assistants have been interviewed

END.