# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What is the (a) total number of hospital beds that are available for mental health illness patients and (b) breakdown of the beds in each province;

(2) what is the total number of (a) mental health related admissions and (b) public healthcare facilities? **NW4034E**

**REPLY:**

1. (a) There are 14004 number of beds available for mental health patients

(b) The following table reflects the details in this regard, according to the Provincial Departments of Health:

Breakdown of the beds in each province

Table 1.

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| **Province** | **Total beds** |
| Eastern Cape | 1816 |
| Free State | 927 |
| Gauteng | 2478 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 3028 |
| Limpopo | 1569 |
| Mpumalanga | 329 |
| Northern Cape | 344 |
| North West | 1446 |
| Western Cape | 2067 |
| **TOTAL** | **14004** |

1. (a) The information from the District Health Information System indicates that there were 131 837 mental health separations (admissions) during 2021.

(b) There are 328 public mental health facilities in the country

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| Stand-alone specialized psychiatric hospitals | Psychiatric units attached to general hospitals | Facilities listed to conduct 72-hours assessments |
| 24 | 40 | 264 |

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