# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3294**

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**Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:†**

(1) What number of the corpses in state mortuaries in each province and since the 2014-15 financial year were deaths resulting from (a) wounds caused by shootings, (b) knife wounds, (c) motor accidents, (d) motor-cycle accidents, (e) drownings, (f) fires, (g) pedestrians who were run over, (h) cyclists who were run down, (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases and (j) ageing;

(2) whether he will make a statement about the matter?

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**REPLY:**

The reply to questions (1) is summarized in Table 1 to 9 below:

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| **TABLE 1: EASTERN CAPE** |
|  | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 1885 | 820 | 860 |
| (b) knife wounds | 1885 | 1925 | 1971 |
| (c) motor accidents | 1537 | 1799 | 1862 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| (e) drownings | 382 | 379 | 366 |
| (f) fires | 393 | 376 | 481 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 163 | 221 | 145 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 2: FREE STATE** |
|  | **2014-15\*\* (2014)** | **2015-16\*\* (2015)** | **2016-17\*\* (2016)** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 246 | 128 | 215 |
| (b) knife wounds | 476 | 229 | 508 |
| (c) motor accidents | 906 | 571 | 1025 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 32 | 10 | 8 |
| (e) drownings | 154 | 64 | 112 |
| (f) fires | 169 | 92 | 143 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 207 | 108 | 194 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | Included in 1(d) above | Included in 1(d) above | Included in 1(d) above |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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\*\* Data provided per calendar year

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| **TABLE 3: GAUTENG** |
|  | **(a) 2014-15** | **(b) 2015-16** | **(c) 2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 1608 | 1854 | 2116 |
| (b) knife wounds | 1257 | 1338 | 1438 |
| (c) motor accidents | 1707 | 1981 | 1948 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 188 | 149 | 144 |
| (e) drownings | 210 | 249 | 242 |
| (f) fires | 715 | 702 | 746 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 1193 | 1314 | 1413 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | Details not available | Details not available | Details not available |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 4: KWA-ZULU NATAL** |
|  | **2014-15** | **2015-16** | **2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 1539 | 1735 | 1506 |
| (b) knife wounds | 1534 | 1523 | 1217 |
| (c) motor accidents\*\*\* | 2913 | 2967 | 2576 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | Details not available | Details not available | Details not available |
| (e) drowning\*\* | 1662 | 1788 | 1473 |
| (f) fires | 610 | 642 | 491 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | Details not available | Details not available | Details not available |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | Details not available | Details not available | Details not available |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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\*\* Reported as asphyxia deaths, including drowning, hanging etc.

\*\*\* Transportation accidents

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| **TABLE 5: LIMPOPO** |
|  | **(a) 2014-15** | **(b) 2015-16** | **(c) 2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 221 | 261 | 245 |
| (b) knife wounds | 277 | 289 | 291 |
| (c) motor accidents | 1507 | 1757 | 1742 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 1 | 2 | 7 |
| (e) drownings | 164 | 139 | 145 |
| (f) fires | 150 | 147 | 155 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | Details not available | Details not available | Details not available |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | Details not available | Details not available | Details not available |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 6: MPUMALANGA** |
|  | **(a) 2014-15** | **(b) 2015-16** | **(c) 2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 719 | 453 | 472 |
| (b) knife wounds | 165 | 171 | 161 |
| (c) motor accidents | 1150 | 1201 | 1200 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 107 | 29 | 21 |
| (e) drownings | 148 | 144 | 132 |
| (f) fires | 168 | 169 | 139 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 504 | 504 | 523 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | 18 | 8 | 12 |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 7: NORTHERN CAPE** |
|  | **(a) 2014-15** | **(b) 2015-16** | **(c) 2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 21 | 23 | 24 |
| (b) knife wounds | 294 | 300 | 255 |
| (c) motor accidents | 333 | 321 | 297 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| (e) drownings | 95 | 98 | 108 |
| (f) fires | 63 | 56 | 54 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 147 | 134 | 125 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 8: NORTH WEST** |
|  | **(a) 2014-15** | **(b) 2015-16** | **(c) 2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 187 | 157 | 170 |
| (b) knife wounds | 298 | 321 | 453 |
| (c) motor accidents | 715 | 784 | 856 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 14 | 23 | 24 |
| (e) drownings | 82 | 69 | 90 |
| (f) fires | 134 | 122 | 146 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 217 | 181 | 289 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | 2 | 4 | 20 |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 9: WESTERN CAPE** |
|  | **(a) 2014-15** | **(b) 2015-16** | **(c) 2016-17** |
| (a) wounds caused by shootings | 1289 | 1323 | 1268 |
| (b) knife wounds | 1429 | 1508 | 1649 |
| (c) motor accidents | 579 | 701 | 627 |
| (d) motor-cycle accidents | 56 | 49 | 55 |
| (e) drownings | 180 | 202 | 197 |
| (f) fires | 280 | 330 | 349 |
| (g) pedestrians who were run over | 605 | 629 | 649 |
| (h) cyclists who were run down | 27 | 26 | 30 |
| (i) HIV, tuberculosis and other diseases | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |
| (j) ageing | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths | \* FPS Mortuaries only handle unnatural deaths |

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(2)No, there is no need to. There are many state institutions which release this data time and again, e.g quarterly police crime statistics, the Department of Transport, StatsSA and the South African Medical Research Council.

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