# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3532**

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

(1) How many bodies were received at State mortuaries in each province (a) in (i) 2010, (ii) 2011, (iii) 2012, (iv) 2013 and (v) 2014 and (b) since 1 January 2015;

(2) how many of these bodies in each specified year in each specified province were deaths as a result of (a) motor cycle accidents, (b) cyclist deaths, (c) Aids, (d) tuberculosis, (e) other diseases and (f) old age;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

The reply to questions (1) and (2) are summarized in Table 1 to 9 below: Forensic Pathology Service (FPS)

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| **TABLE 1: EASTERN CAPE** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **7812** | **9713** | **10747** | **9131** | **8763** | **6430** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | 4 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
| **Tuberculosis** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
| **Other diseases** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
| **Old age** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |

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| **TABLE 2: FREE STATE** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **4020** | **3799** | **4000** | **3086** | **3472** | **1853** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | 21 | 23 | 22 | 27 | 32 | 10 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | Included in a above | Included in a above | Included in a above | Included in a above | Included in a above | Included in a above |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 3: GAUTENG** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **14761** | **14019** | **13602** | **14586** | **14866** | **6601** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | Data not available | Data not available | 148 | 177 | 188 | 20 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | Data not available | Data not available | 1881  Including Motor Vehicle Accidents | 1927  Including Motor Vehicle Accidents | 1707  Including Motor Vehicle Accidents | 206  Including Motor Vehicle Accidents |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 4: KWA-ZULU NATAL** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **13330** | **12551** | **12643** | **12824** | **12718** | **6935** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | Data not available | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified |
| **Cyclist deaths** | Data not available | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 5: LIMPOPO** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **2401** | **2376** | **2277** | **2224** | **2321** | **3167** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | 1 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified | Not specified |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 6: MPUMALANGA** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **3855** | **3802** | **4271** | **4635** | **4561** | **3014** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | 4 | 3 | 20 | 20 | 9 | 6 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | 3 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 7: NORTHERN CAPE** | | | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | | **2012** | | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | **1626** | | **1634** | | **1713** | **1707** | **1803** | **705** |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | Included in c above | | 3 | | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | Included in c above | | 9 | | 20 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 8: NORTH WEST** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | | **2011** | | **2012** | **2013** | | **2014** | **2015** | |
| **Total bodies received in:** | | 3627 | | 3539 | 3316 | | 3695 | 3560 | | 2678 |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | | 38 | | 33 | 17 | | 21 | 25 | | 19 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | | 34 | | 15 | 25 | | 41 | 25 | | 7 |
| **Aids** | | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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| **TABLE 9: WESTERN CAPE** | | | | | | |
|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Total bodies received in:** | 9372 | 9394 | 9800 | 9989 | 10297 | 7692 |
| **Motorcycle accidents** | 66 | 64 | 80 | 70 | 75 | 48 |
| **Cyclist deaths** | 23 | 40 | 28 | 22 | 27 | 19 |
| **Aids** | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths | \* FPS only conducts autopsies on unnatural deaths |
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