# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3593**

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**Dr H C Volmink (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) How many (a) basic ambulance assistants, (b) ambulance emergency assistants, (c) operational emergency orderlies, (d) paramedics, (e) emergency care technicians and (f) emergency care practitioners are employed in the public sector in each province;

(2) whether there are staffing targets for each of the specified categories in each province; if not, why not; if so, what are the staffing targets in each case?

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**REPLY:**

(a) to (f) The table below indicates the provincial operational human resources, per category. Operational Emergency Care Orderlies are not employed by the Department.

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| **PROVINCES** | **BAA** | **AEA**  | **PARAMEDICS** | **ECT** | **ECP** | **TOTAL** |
| Eastern Cape | 1890 | 493 | 25 | 15 | 2 | 2425 |
| Free State | 1372 | 181 | 15 | 41 | 1 | 1610 |
| Gauteng | 976 | 115 | 35 | 103 | 0 | 1229 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 1254 | 715 | 72 | 15 | 8 | 2064 |
| Limpopo | 1184 | 627 | 21 | 11 | 1 | 1844 |
| Mpumalanga | 580 | 174 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 757 |
| North West | 377 | 175 | 2 | 122 | 3 | 679 |
| Northern Cape | 556 | 197 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 768 |
| Western Cape | 674 | 620 | 131 | 38 | 6 | 1469 |
| **Total**  | **8863** | **3297** | **308** | **356** | **21** | **12845** |

Abbreviations:

 BAA - Basic Ambulance Assistants

 AEA - Ambulance Emergency Assistants

 ECT - Emergency Care Technicians

 ECP - Emergency Care Practitioner

(2) The current staffing target is derived from a figure of 1 ambulance per 10 000 population, and 10 personnel to man a single vehicle on a 24 hour basis. A study has been proposed to scientifically determine the norm for ambulances to population as well as the staffing norms which will be guided by the Human Resource for Health Strategy 2030.

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