# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 37**

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**Dr S SThembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is the total number of drug-related deaths that have been recorded (a) in each province and (b) in each of the past five financial years?

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**REPLY:**

(a)-(b) The table below reflects the total number of drug-related deaths in South Africa. This data has been extracted by the South African Medical Research Council from unit records of deaths provided by Statistics South Africa which is available up to 2016.

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| **Number of registered deaths with underlying causes that is drug-related by province, 2012-2016** | | | | | | |
| **PROVINCE** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **TOTAL** |
| Eastern Cape | 25 | 24 | 56 | 38 | 34 | **177** |
| Free State | 26 | 21 | 23 | 14 | 26 | **110** |
| Gauteng | 42 | 46 | 56 | 82 | 88 | **314** |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 38 | 52 | 53 | 42 | 65 | **250** |
| Limpopo | 5 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 17 | **60** |
| Mpumalanga | 5 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 23 | **71** |
| North West | 13 | 23 | 13 | 12 | 15 | **76** |
| Northern Cape | 16 | 25 | 24 | 19 | 19 | **103** |
| Western Cape | 27 | 39 | 22 | 42 | 24 | **154** |
| **TOTAL** | **197** | **258** | **274** | **275** | **311** | **1315** |

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