

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: 3828**

**Ms A T Lovemore (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

What was the number of employees for each national and provincial department in the public service (a) as at the most recent date of capture on the Vulindlela website and (b) for each similar date in the (i) 2011-12, (ii) 2012-13, (iii) 2013-14 and (iv)2014-15 financial years? NW4573E

**REPLY**

The number of employees for each national and provincial department in the Public Service, as at the end of each of the requested financial years (March), is provided in the table below. Please note that abnormal and periodical appointments are excluded. Where departments appear to be duplicated it is due to the restructuring of departments over the reporting period (2011/12 to 2014/15). Data was obtained from PERSAL as it is the source system for data published on Vulindlela. No data is directly captured on the Vulindlela website.

**NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY DEPARTMENT   
MARCH 2011 TO MARCH 2015**

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| **National/Provincial Department** | | **March**  **2011** | **March**  **2012** | **March**  **2013** | **March**  **2014** | **March**  **2015** |
| Eastern Cape | Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism | 611 | 627 | 605 | 600 | 578 |
| Education | 86 181 | 82 816 | 80 154 | 78 791 | 74 279 |
| Health | 40 818 | 41 186 | 39 577 | 38 655 | 39 470 |
| Human Settlements | 406 | 460 | 544 | 556 | 616 |
| Local Government and Traditional Affairs | 1 584 | 1 595 | 1 608 | 1 637 | 1 537 |
| Office of the Premier | 415 | 402 | 386 | 369 | 402 |
| Provincial Planning and ,Treasury | 512 | 545 | 565 | 540 | 480 |
| Roads and Public works | 3 433 | 3 601 | 3 715 | 3 699 | 4 163 |
| Rural Development and Agrarian Reform | 3 404 | 3 288 | 3 172 | 3 051 | 2 959 |
| Safety and Liaison | 117 | 120 | 121 | 128 | 129 |
| Social Development and Special Programmes | 3 443 | 4 101 | 3 929 | 4 415 | 4 690 |
| Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture | 1 198 | 1 161 | 1 144 | 1 205 | 1 229 |
| Transport | 1 631 | 1 668 | 1 694 | 1 602 | 1 602 |
| **Total** | **143 753** | **141 570** | **137 214** | **135 248** | **132 134** |
| Free State | Agriculture | 1 090 | 1 187 | 1 189 | 1 194 | 1 185 |
| Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 651 | 437 | 378 | 374 | 393 |
| Economic Development, Tourism and  Environmental Affairs | 595 | 650 | 680 | 702 | 709 |
| Education | 31 113 | 31 885 | 32 013 | 31 368 | 30 382 |
| Health | 16 841 | 18 915 | 19 060 | 19 008 | 18 388 |
| Human Settlements | 121 | 126 | 206 | 287 | 308 |
| Office of the Premier | 345 | 348 | 616 | 620 | 612 |
| Police, Roads and Transport | 2 325 | 2 388 | 2 289 | 2 306 | 2 552 |
| Provincial Treasury | 390 | 402 | 427 | 373 | 398 |
|  | Public Works | 2 013 | 2 432 | 2 652 | 2 813 | 2 153 |
|  | Rural Development | 0 | 0 | 53 | 0 | 0 |
|  | Social Development | 1 602 | 2 003 | 2 015 | 2 007 | 1 999 |
|  | Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation | 664 | 713 | 694 | 729 | 790 |
|  | **Total** | **57 750** | **61 486** | **62 272** | **61 781** | **59 869** |

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| **National/Provincial Department** | | **March**  **2011** | **March**  **2012** | **March**  **2013** | **March**  **2014** | **March**  **2015** |
| Gauteng | Agriculture and Rural Development | 841 | 803 | 850 | 854 | 901 |
| Community Safety | 934 | 935 | 968 | 1 010 | 1 096 |
| Economic Development | 353 | 338 | 373 | 357 | 439 |
| Education | 79 554 | 82 134 | 82 318 | 83 794 | 84 353 |
| Finance | 1 734 | 1 673 | 1 197 | 1 147 | 1 053 |
| Health | 62 492 | 65 078 | 61 406 | 62 992 | 62 894 |
| Housing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 849 | 882 |
| Infrastructure Development | 1 444 | 1 809 | 1 987 | 1 947 | 1 930 |
| Local Government and Traditional Affairs | 1 666 | 1 586 | 1 582 | 638 | 675 |
| Office of the Premier | 232 | 235 | 233 | 243 | 271 |
| Provincial Treasury | 0 | 0 | 417 | 489 | 500 |
| Roads and Transport | 2 038 | 1 908 | 1 838 | 1 881 | 1 999 |
| Social Development | 0 | 0 | 3 469 | 3 541 | 4 190 |
| Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation | 383 | 392 | 391 | 464 | 473 |
| **Total** | **151 671** | **156 891** | **157 029** | **160 206** | **161 656** |
| Kwazulu- Natal | Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development | 3 384 | 3 825 | 3 729 | 3 754 | 2 900 |
| Arts and Culture | 422 | 457 | 463 | 526 | 565 |
| Community Safety and Liaison | 105 | 105 | 106 | 141 | 165 |
| Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 1 216 | 1 331 | 1 461 | 1 658 | 1 633 |
| Economic Development and Tourism | 298 | 300 | 349 | 432 | 667 |
| Education | 106 689 | 108 058 | 106 732 | 108 024 | 106 715 |
| Finance | 280 | 359 | 462 | 491 | 517 |
| Health | 71 001 | 78 543 | 82 436 | 72 731 | 71 865 |
| Human Settlements | 796 | 733 | 743 | 789 | 763 |
| Office of the Premier | 319 | 366 | 430 | 447 | 461 |
| Public Works | 2 085 | 2 070 | 2 086 | 2 038 | 1 888 |
| Social Development | 2 880 | 3 425 | 6 005 | 4 357 | 3 862 |
|  | Sport and Recreation | 172 | 165 | 207 | 233 | 218 |
|  | The Royal Household | 141 | 143 | 138 | 120 | 108 |
|  | Transport | 4 289 | 4 153 | 4 022 | 3 873 | 4 015 |
|  | **Total** | **194 077** | **204 033** | **209 369** | **199 614** | **196 342** |

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| **National/Provincial Department** | | **March**  **2011** | **March**  **2012** | **March**  **2013** | **March**  **2014** | **March**  **2015** |
| Limpopo | Agriculture | 4 015 | 3 946 | 3 785 | 3 470 | 3 281 |
| Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs | 1 464 | 2 343 | 2 286 | 2 211 | 2 197 |
| Economic Development, Environment and Tourism | 1 591 | 1 595 | 1 443 | 1 390 | 1 390 |
| Education | 64 425 | 63 911 | 62 901 | 62 768 | 62 153 |
| Health | 36 472 | 38 112 | 37 094 | 36 650 | 37 203 |
| Office of the Premier | 626 | 508 | 486 | 456 | 469 |
| Provincial Treasury | 454 | 461 | 441 | 479 | 449 |
| Public Works | 3 403 | 3 305 | 2 618 | 2 764 | 4 237 |
| Roads and Transport | 4 560 | 4 316 | 4 061 | ***4*** 101 | 2 403 |
| Safety, Security and Liaison | 112 | 107 | 104 | 96 | 108 |
| Social Development | 2 658 | 3 250 | 3 152 | 2 962 | 3 351 |
| Sport, Arts and Culture | 416 | 489 | 457 | 396 | 389 |
| **Total** | **120 196** | **122 343** | **118 828** | **117 743** | **117 630** |
| Mpumalanga | Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Administration | 1 621 | 1 718 | 1 731 | 1 767 | 1 602 |
| Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 775 | 789 | 730 | 850 | 867 |
| Community Safety, Security and Liaison | 176 | 1 257 | 1 292 | 1 371 | 1 320 |
| Culture, Sport and Recreation | 312 | 311 | 324 | 482 | 501 |
| Economic Development, Environment and Tourism | 490 | 459 | 446 | 457 | 267 |
| Finance | 329 | 332 | 340 | 342 | 326 |
| Health | 18 026 | 18 485 | 18 269 | 19 225 | 19 446 |
| Human Settlements | 351 | 362 | 371 | 376 | 387 |
| Office of the Premier | 277 | 263 | 254 | 272 | 262 |
|  | Public Works, Roads and Transport | 5 307 | 4 109 | 3 900 | 3 787 | 3 643 |
| Social Development | 1 862 | 1 879 | 1 819 | 1 903 | 2 069 |
|  | **Total** | **29 526** | **29 964** | **29 476** | **30 832** | **30 690** |

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| **National/Provincial Department** | | **March**  **2011** | **March**  **2012** | **March**  **2013** | **March**  **2014** | **March**  **2015** |
| National Departments | Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries | 6 356 | 6 367 | 6 445 | 6 424 | 6 205 |
| Arts and Culture | 455 | 436 | 448 | 484 | 447 |
| Basic Education | 639 | 721 | 746 | **814** | 837 |
| Civilian Secretariat for the Police Service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 130 |
| Communications | 305 | 299 | 290 | 332 | 301 |
| Cooperative Governance | 450 | 486 | 566 | 558 | 475 |
| Correctional Services | 40 170 | 41 166 | 42 216 | 41 913 | 40 691 |
| Defence | 78 663 | 78 674 | 78 202 | 78 649 | 78 091 |
| Economic Development | 68 | 106 | 118 | 126 | 126 |
| Energy | 485 | 560 | 559 | 547 | 581 |
| Environmental Affairs | 941 | 1 439 | 1 571 | 1 762 | 1 941 |
| Government  Communication and Information System | 471 | 493 | 479 | 455 | 472 |
| Health | 1 276 | 1 450 | 1 913 | 1 893 | 2 071 |
| Higher Education and Training | 858 | 916 | 1 069 | 1 234 | 6 673 |
| Home Affairs | 9 782 | 9 655 | 9 786 | 10 248 | 10 251 |
| Human Settlements | 693 | 684 | 663 | 710  , | 637 |
| Independent Police Investigative Directorate | 270 | 277 | 303 | 308 | 322 |
| International Relations and Cooperation | 2 383 | 2 465 | 2 439 | 2 364 | 2 323 |
| Justice and Constitutional Development | 22 543 | 23 248 | 23 726 | 23 960 | 24 851 |
| Labour | 7 408 | 7 623 | 7 708 | 7 746 | 8 149 |
| Military Veterans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 136 | 228 |
| Mineral Resources | 1 081 | 1 108 | 1 122 | 1 165 | 1 115 |
| National School of Government | 190 | 184 | 199 | 205 | 204 |
| National Treasury | 2 122 | 2 192 | 2 246 | 2 300 | 2 380 |
| Office of the Public Service Commission | 225 | 225 | 261 | 272 | 317 |
| Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation | 0 | 139 | 184 | 207 | 261 |
| Police | 194 293 | 199 610 | 198 175 | 195 182 | 194 269 |
| Public Enterprises | 158 | 168 | 185 | 215 | 225 |
| Public Service and Administration | 448 | 420 | 457 | 485 | 461 |
| Public Works | 5 010 | 5 851 | 5 624 | 5 714 | 5 783 |
|  | Rural Development and Land Reform | 4 565 | 4 855 | 4 837 | 5 596 | 5 871 |
|  | Science and Technology | 421 | 425 | 459 | 477 | 500 |
|  | Social Development | 714 | 757 | 748 | 802 | 917 |

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| **National/Provincial Department** | | **March**  **2011** | **March**  **2012** | **March**  **2013** | **March**  **2014** | **March**  **2015** |
|  | Sport and Recreation South Africa | 209 | 189 | 172 | 164 | 174 |
| Statistics South Africa | 5 429 | 4 797 | 3 356 | 3 577 | 3 969 |
| The Presidency | 708 | 635 | 677 | 678 | 666 |
| Tourism | 299 | 401 | 465 | 505 | 530 |
| Trade and Industry | 1 776 | 1 881 | 1 950 | 1 568 | 1 563 |
| Traditional Affairs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 |
| Transport | 543 | 530 | 592 | 623 | 691 |
| Water and Sanitation | 8 047 | 7 100 | 7 209 | 7 348 | 7 475 |
| Women | 44 | 126 | 126 | 137 | 113 |
| **Total** | **400 498** | **408 658** | **408 291** | **407 883** | **413 365** |
| North West | Agriculture and Rural Development | 1 556 | 1 569 | 1 525 | 1 468 | 1 641 |
| Economic Development, Environment and Conservation | 192 | 361 | 355 | 408 | 216 |
| Education and Training | 30 425 | 30 242 | 30 329 | 30 703 | 29 473 |
| Finance | 506 | 512 | 472 | 478 | 541 |
| Health | 17 290 | 17 613 | 18 256 | 19 305 | 18 955 |
| Human Settlements | 310 | 346 | 344 | 360 | 0 |
| Local Government and Traditional Affairs | 732 | 740 | 800 | 823 | 735 |
| Office of the Premier | 321 | 290 | 313 | 397 | 716 |
| Public Works, Roads and Transport | 3 551 | 3 469 | 3 536 | 3 521 | 3 089 |
| Public safety and liaison | 844 | 859 | 1 006 | 1 117 | 1 442 |
| Social development, Woman, Children and Persons with Disabilities | 1 803 | 1 983 | 2 030 | 2 099 | 2 183 |
| Sport, Arts and Culture | 590 | 649 | 682 | 701 | 671 |
| Tourism | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 |
| **Total** | **58 120** | **58 633** | **59 648** | **61 380** | **59 776** |

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| **National/Provincial Department** | |  | **March**  **2011** |  | **March**  **2012** | |  | **March**  **2013** |  | **March**  **2014** |  | **March**  **2015** |
| Northern Cape | Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development |  | 547 |  |  | 556 |  | 575 |  | 570 |  | 609 |
| Co-operative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs |  | 652 |  |  | 651 |  | 653 |  | 662 |  | 640 |
| Economic Development and Tourism |  | 167 |  |  | 167 |  | 166 |  | 178 |  | 177 |
| Education |  | 12 023 |  | 11 | 892 |  | 11 690 |  | 12 457 |  | 12 229 |
| Environment *and* Nature Conservation |  | 400 |  |  | 207 |  | 218 |  | 225 |  | 242 |
| Health |  | 6 176 |  | 6 | 372 |  | 6 474 |  | 6 713 |  | 6 781 |
| Office of the Premier |  | 228 |  |  | 225 |  | 231 |  | 247 |  | 250 |
| Provincial Treasury |  | 238 |  |  | 241 |  | 287 |  | 278 |  | 304 |
| Roads and Public Works |  | 575 |  |  | 780 |  | 827 |  | 845 |  | 827 |
| Social Development |  | 933 |  |  | 943 |  | 942 |  | 929 |  | 970 |
| Sport, Arts and Culture |  | 422 |  |  | 504 |  | 364 |  | 401 |  | 402 |
| Transport, Safety and Liaison |  | 341 |  |  | 320 |  | 347 |  | 351 |  | 347 |
| **Total** |  | **22 702** |  | **22** | **858** |  | **22 774** |  | **23 856** |  | **23 778** |
| Western Cape | Agriculture |  | 969 |  |  | 953 |  | 941 |  | 961 |  | 973 , |
| Community Safety |  | 830 |  |  | 871 |  | 898 |  | 947 |  | 343 |
| Cultural Affairs and Sport |  | 608 |  |  | 604 |  | 612 |  | 648 |  | 635 |
| Economic Development and Tourism |  | 198 |  |  | 229 |  | 236 |  | 252 |  | 242 |
| Education |  | 40 514 |  | 40 | 402 |  | 40 114 |  | 40 672 |  | 42 108 |
| Environmental Affairs and Development Planning |  | 313 |  |  | 337 |  | 359 |  | 390 |  | 380 |
| Health |  | 29 306 |  | 30 | 446 |  | 31 092 |  | 31 654 |  | 31 882 |
| Human Settlements |  | 392 |  |  | 432 |  | 434 |  | 482 |  | 461 |
|  | Local Government |  | 306 |  |  | 345 |  | 376 |  | 376 |  | 394 |
|  | Premier |  | 913 |  | 1 | 052 |  | 1 065 |  | 1 087 |  | 1 157 |
|  | Provincial Treasury |  | 248 |  |  | 240 |  | 279 |  | 321 |  | 317 |
|  | Social Development |  | 1 750 |  | 1 | 762 |  | 1 822 |  | 2 129 |  | 2 098 |
|  | Transport and Public Works |  | 1 730 |  | 1 | 676 |  | 1 887 |  | 1 913 |  | 2 472 |
|  | Total |  | **78 077** |  | **79** | **349** |  | **80 115** |  | **81 832** |  | **83 462** |
| **Total** | | **1** | **256 370** | **1** | **285** | **785** | **1** | **285 016** | **1** | **280 375** | **1** | **278 702** |

\* **Please note** that the new departments that were created during the National Macro Organisation of the State (NMOS) process are not reflected here as these only came onto effect after March 2015.

Excluding Abnormal and Periodical appointments

Where departments are duplicated it is due to the restructuring of departments over the reporting period