

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3845. Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

With regard to the 15 740 military veterans healthcare beneficiaries, (a) what is the military formation of each military veteran, (b) from which province is each military veteran, (c) what are the categories of diseases that military veterans are treated for, (d) what are the current Memoranda of Understanding that exist between her department and (i) provincial hospitals and (ii) municipal clinics, (e) what arrangements and procedures do military veterans follow when seeking medical treatment from private medical doctors or clinics and (f) is the breakdown of military veterans visiting all the different health facilities in the country? NW4348E

**REPLY:**

1. what is the military formation of each military veteran



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1. what are the categories of diseases that military veterans are treated for
   * Chronic diseases i.e. Hypertension, Diabetics
   * Lung Diseases
   * Digestive Diseases
   * Musculoskeletal Diseases
   * Metabolic Disorders
   * Eye Diseases
   * Heart Diseases
   * Skin Diseases
   * ENT
   * Endocrine Diseases
   * Nervous system Diseases
   * Immune System Diseases
   * Cancer

These are the common diseases identified.

1. what are the current Memoranda of Understanding that exist between her department and (i) provincial hospitals and (ii) municipal clinics,

The Department has the Memorandum of Understanding with The Department of Defence to provide services to Military veterans.

1. What arrangements and procedures do military veterans follow when seeking medical treatment from private medical doctors or clinics?

All Military veterans access services through the South African Military Health Services which will in turn refer to other service providers in case they do not have the services.

1. is the breakdown of military veterans visiting all the different health facilities in the country

In 2016/17, an average of 5007 military veterans visited the SAMHS facilities. The DMV paid a total of R61M for Healthcare services.