# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 3938**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What (a) number of primary health care patients have been screened for mental disorders in each year since 1 January 2018 and (b) is the breakdown for each province? **NW4903E**

**REPLY:**

According to information received from the Provinces, the response is as follows:

1. Screening of primary health care patients for mental disorders is conducted using the Adult Primary Care (APC) manual algorithms as well as a screening tool that was developed using the APC manual. Data on screening for mental disorders at primary health care was collected through the District Health Information System (DHIS) until March 2020 when the data element was dropped from the National Indicator Data Set (NIDS). Available data that is captured below is up to March 2020 for all provinces except for Free State Province as the only province that continues to collect data on screening for mental disorders at primary health care as part of their Provincial Indicator Data Set (PIDS).

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|  | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| Number of primary health care patients screened for mental disorders | 38,470,755 | 44,964,174 | 12,321,412 | 228,132 (only Free State) | 216,946 (only Free State) |

1. The following table reflects the details in this regard.

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| **PROVINCE** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** |
| Free State | 2,494,565 | 2,867,434 | 780,069 | 228,137 | 216,945 |
| Eastern Cape | 3,711,637 | 4,816,564 | 1,412,852 | Data no longer collected |
| Gauteng | 10,192,937 | 11,958,945 | 3,207,381 |
| KwaZulu Nata | 11,308,313 | 12,383,715 | 3,355,876 |
| Limpopo  | 5,416,012 | 6,328,129 | 1,733,645 |
| Mpumalanga | 3,276,454 | 3,966,918 | 1,074,509 |
| Northern Cape | 349,395 | 498,150 | 140,346 |
| North West | 1,721,442 | 2,144,319 | 616,734 |
| Western Cape | Data not collected | Data not collected | Data not collected |

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