

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**QUESTION NO.: 396**

**Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

With reference to Statistics South Africa’s Quarter 4 Labour Force Survey 2016 statistics, (a) in which job categories of the Limpopo Community Service Sector did the (i) 18 000 decline in jobs for the fourth quarter of 2016 and (ii) year-on-year 31 000 decline in jobs for the 2015 and 2016 occur and (b) what are the reasons for the specified job losses in each case?

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**REPLY**

The Labour Force Survey indicates the job fluctuations in the Community and Social Services sector for the whole of Limpopo’s labour market.

In so far as my portfolio is concerned, I can only respond on the trends during the quarter ending 31 December 2016 in respect of occupations in the Public Service departments of the Limpopo Provincial Administration in so far as they can be judged to fall within the Community and Social Services sector.

According to the information at my disposal, the jobs (posts) in the said occupations that can be linked to the Community and Social Services sector have reduced by 131 posts during the quarter ending 31 December 2016 of which 130 are from Auxiliary and Related Workers. The table below contains further detail in this regard per the relevant occupational categories:

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| **Related occupations** | **Filled posts**  **Oct 2016** | **Vacant posts**  **Oct 2016** | **Filled posts**  **Dec 2016** | **Vacant posts**  **Dec 2016** | **Variance in Posts between Dec to**  **Oct 2016** |
| AUXILIARY AND RELATED WORKERS | 838 | 142 | 704 | 146 | -130 |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS | 365 | 6 | 364 | 7 | 0 |
| INSTITUTION BASED PERSONAL CARE WORKERS | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| PSYCHOLOGISTS AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELLORS | 131 | 161 | 130 | 162 | 0 |
| SOCIAL WORK AND RELATED PROFESSIONALS | 1 768 | 70 | 1 765 | 73 | 0 |
| SUPPLEMENTARY DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHERS | 55 | 31 | 54 | 31 | -1 |
| YOUTH WORKERS | 17 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| **TOTAL** | **3 175** | **410** | **3 035** | **419** | **-131** |

**REPLY TO QUESTION (b)**

The reason for a reduction in job levels in these occupational categories may in general be ascribed to -

1. steps taken by departments to be more efficient in their operational processes and the delivery of services as well as the management of their organisational structures; and
2. the reduced compensation budgets which were introduced with effect from 1 April 2016, in respect of the Public Service as a whole.

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