# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms V van Dyk (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:†**

(1) (a) What is the reason that the Health and Other Services Personnel Trade Union of South Africa recently prevented ambulance staff from continuing to provide further services in Namaqualand, (b) what impact it had on the industry and (c) whether it has already been settled;

(2) whether there are any rescue vehicles serving Namaqualand; if so, what number of (a) rescue vehicles provide a service to Namaqualand and (b) trained personnel was appointed for the entire area;

(3) whether Namaqualand has any minibuses that transport outpatients; if so, (a) what is the number of minibuses that transport outpatients in each of the four municipalities in Namaqualand and (b) where is each assigned;

(4) (a) what number of ambulances have been involved in accidents in Namaqualand over the past three years and (b) what were the reasons for these accidents;

(5) what number of ambulance staff work in Namaqualand?

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**REPLY:**

(1) (a) Dispute from HOSPERSA was regarding unpaid overtime and one-person crews being used.

(b) There was a limited provision of service resulting in prolonged response times.

(c) The overtime issue has been settled, however the issues regarding the staff shortages has not been resolved.

(2) (a) 5

(b) 29

(3)

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| **MUNICIPALITY** | **NUMBER OF MINIBUSES** | **LOCATION** |
| (i) Nama Khoi, | 2 | Springbok  Steinkopf |
| (ii) Richtersveld | 1 | Port Nolloth |
| (iii) Khai-ma | 0 | - |
| (iv) Kamiesberg | 1 | Garies |
| (v) Hantam | 1 | Calvinia |
| (vi) Karoo Hoogland | 1 | Fraserburg |

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| **YEAR** | **NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS** | **REASON** |
| 2016 | 5 | Wild animals |
| 2017 | 9 | Wild animals and human error/fatigue |
| 2018 | 3 | Wild animals |

(5) 120

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