

**MINISTRY: PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DATE: 1 March 2021**

**QUESTION NO.: 489**

**Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Service and Administration:**

(1) What number of public servants have taken early retirement since the start of the lockdown to curb the spread of the virus in March 2020 at (i) national and (ii) provincial level and (b) will he furnish Dr M M Gondwe with the breakdown of the relevant number in each government department and (c) what number of these public servants were (i) teachers and (ii) nurses?

**REPLY:**

(1) (a) (i) The number of public servants who took early retirement since the start of the lockdown to curb the spread of the virus in March 2020 at national level was 2 879.

(1) (a) (ii) The number of public servants who took early retirement since the start of the lockdown to curb the spread of the virus in March 2020 at provincial level was 2 005.

(1) (b) The breakdown of the relevant number of early retirements in each government department is depicted in the table below:

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| **Number of Public Servants that retired early by department from 27 March 2020** |
| **National/Provincial department** | **Total** |
| **Total** | **4,884** |
| Eastern Cape | Total | 322 |
| Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 8 |
| Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism | 2 |
| Education | 215 |
| Health | 54 |
| Office of the Premier | 3 |
| Provincial Treasury | 4 |
| Roads and Public works | 6 |
| Rural Development and Agrarian Reform | 20 |
| Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture | 2 |
| Transport | 8 |
| Free State | Total | 135 |
| Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs | 3 |
| Education | 105 |
| Health | 10 |
| Police, Roads and Transport | 7 |
| Social Development | 10 |
| Gauteng | Total | 207 |
| Agriculture and Rural Development | 1 |
| Economic Development | 4 |
| Education | 87 |
| Health | 107 |
| Human Settlements | 6 |
| Social Development | 2 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Total | 502 |
| Agriculture and Rural Development | 15 |
| Arts and Culture | 1 |
| Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 2 |
| Education | 368 |
| Health | 101 |
| Office of the Premier | 2 |
| Public Works | 2 |
| Social Development | 3 |
| Transport | 8 |
| Limpopo | Total | 360 |
| Agriculture and Rural Development | 5 |
| Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs | 5 |
| Economic Development, Environment and Tourism | 1 |
| Education | 283 |
| Health | 48 |
| Office of the Premier | 1 |
| Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure | 11 |
| Social Development | 3 |
| Transport and Community Safety | 3 |

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| Mpumalanga | Total | 139 |
| Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs | 5 |
| Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 1 |
| Community Safety, Security and Liaison | 1 |
| Culture, Sport and Recreation | 2 |
| Education | 93 |
| Health | 28 |
| Provincial Treasury | 2 |
| Public Works, Roads and Transport | 7 |
| National | Total | 2,879 |
| Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development | 30 |
| Basic Education | 4 |
| Correctional Services | 382 |
| Employment and Labour | 7 |
| Energy | 2 |
| Environment, Forestry and Fisheries | 1 |
| Government Communication and Information System | 2 |
| Health | 2 |
| Higher Education and Training | 110 |
| Home Affairs | 36 |
| Human Settlements | 2 |
| International Relations and Cooperation | 8 |
| Justice and Constitutional Development | 45 |
| Military Veterans | 2 |
| Mineral Resources and Energy | 4 |
| National Treasury | 9 |
| Office of the Chief Justice | 9 |
| Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation | 2 |
| Police | 2,127 |
| Public Service and Administration | 2 |
| Public Works and Infrastructure | 44 |
| Social Development | 1 |
| Sport, Arts and Culture | 4 |
| Statistics South Africa | 3 |
| Water and Sanitation | 41 |

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| North West | Total | 106 |
| Agriculture and Rural Development | 1 |
| Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation | 3 |
| Community Safety and Transport Management | 4 |
| Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs | 2 |
| Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism | 1 |
| Education | 69 |
| Health | 20 |
| Provincial Treasury | 1 |
| Public Works and Roads | 5 |
| Northern Cape | Total | 34 |
| Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs | 1 |
| Education | 26 |
| Health | 4 |
| Roads and Public Works | 1 |
| Social Development | 1 |
| Sport, Arts and Culture | 1 |
| Western Cape | Total | 200 |
| Agriculture | 1 |
| Community Safety | 1 |
| Cultural Affairs and Sport | 1 |
| Education | 119 |
| Environmental Affairs and Development Planning | 2 |
| Health | 60 |
| Provincial Treasury | 7 |
| Social Development | 6 |
| The Premier | 3 |

(1) (c) (i) The number of teachers who took early retirement during this period was 1 274

(1) (c) (ii) The number of nurses who took early retirement during this period was 214

The information indicated above was obtained from PERSAL as on 1 March 2021.

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