# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 518**

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**Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What is the total number of (a) mortuaries in each province and (b) corpses that were received in each mortuary as a result of the COVID-19 virus;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The Department has a database that includes mortuaries in hospitals, forensic pathology and private funeral undertakers. The database is updated on a daily basis as and when new information is received from provinces and municipality. The database as at **04 June 2020** is as follows:

**Table 1: Database of number of Mortuaries in forensic pathology, hospitals and private funeral undertakers**

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| **PROVINCE** | **NUMBER OF MORTUARIES** |
| Eastern Cape  | 374 |
| Free State | 279 |
| Gauteng | 440 |
| Kwazulu Natal | 522 |
| Limpopo | 242 |
| Mpumalanga | 229 |
| North West | 272 |
| Northern Cape | 150 |
| Western Cape | 189 |
| **Total** | **2697** |

(b) The attached table provides a record of corpses that were received in each mortuary as a result of COVID–19.

**Table 2: Covid-19 deaths and mortuaries**

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| **District**  | **Health Facility**  | **Undertaker/Mortuary** | **Number of Mortal Remains received** |
| **GAUTENG** |
| **City of Tshwane** | Pretoria East Hospital (Private)Steve Biko Academic Hospital | Muslim Community (Pretoria and Central Muslim Burial) | **2** |
|  | Dr. George Mukhari  | Rhulani Funerals  | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL**  |  |  | **3** |
| **City of Johannesburg** |  |  |  |
| Fourways Hospital (Private) | Poonees Funeral Undertaker- Cremation  | **1** |
| Charlotte Maxeke Academic hospital  | Kupane Funeral Undertaker | **1** |
|  | Sunninghill | Chevra Kadisha | **1** |
| Chris H Chris Hani Baragwanath  | Kwa Vusa Funeral Undertaker  | 1 |
|  | Leratong Hospital  | Associated funeral homes | **1** |
|  | Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital | Vuyo Funeral Undertaker | **1** |
|  | Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital | Nkanyiso Funerals  | **1** |
|  | Charlotte Maxeke Academic hospital  | Lebowa Funeral Undertaker | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **8** |
| **Westrand District Municipality**  | Pinehaven Hospital (Private)Krugersdorp Hospital (Private) | AVBOB - KrugersdorpAVOBOB – Carltonville  | **2****1** |
|  | Leratong Hospital | Sepotokele Funeral Parlour | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **4** |
| **City of Ekurhuleni** | Charlotte Maxeke Academic hospital | Lebowa Funeral and was transferred to Cape town | **1** |
| Morningside Mediclinic  | J&S Funerals Boksburg | **1** |
| Unitas Hospital | Kupane Funeral Undertaker | **1** |
| Glynwood Private HospitalTembisa Hospital | Doves | **2** |
| Charllotte Mxeke Academic Hospital | Central Islamic Trust | **1** |
| Thelle Mogoerane  | Phuthang Batho Funeral Service - Thokoza  | **1** |
| Thelle Mogoerane  | Surprise Funerals - Orange Farm | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **8** |
| **GRAND TOTAL GAUTENG** | **23 (As of 04 June 2020)** |
| **LIMPOPO** |
| **District**  | **Health Facility**  | **Undertaker/Mortuary** | **Number of Mortal Remains received** |
| **Capricorn** | Netcare Pholosho | Lebowa funeral undertaker | **1** |
| Netcare Pholosho | Ruth Modiba funeral undertaker | **1** |
| **Sekhukhune** | Mojalefa Practice, Medi 24 | Wivani funeral undertaker | **1** |
| **GRAND TOTAL LIMPOPO** | **3 (As of 04 June 2020)** |
| **KWAZULU NATAL** |
| **District**  | **Health Facility**  | **Undertaker/Mortuary** | **Number of Mortal Remains received** |
| **Ethekwini** | St Augustine’s Hospital | Nqaki Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| Umhlanga Hospital | Newlands Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Oakleigh Funeral Home | **2** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Wyebank Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Isipingo Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| Parklands Hospital | Ndabes Dignified Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| Life Entabeni | Khalidsha Bawa (Bayview Muslim Burial Services)Clairwood | **1** |
| Lenmed Shifa Hospital) | Bayview Muslim Services | **1** |
| Kingsway Hospital  | AVBOB | **1** |
| IALCH | Khalidsha Bawa (Bayview Muslim Burial Services) Clairwood | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Cebolethu Funeral Services | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | AVBOB | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Khalidsha Bawa (Bayview Muslim Burial Services) Clairwood | **1** |
| Parklands Hospital | Wyebank Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Phoenix Funeral Undertaker | **1** |
| Umhlanga Hospital | Muslim Burial Society | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | AVBOB | **1** |
| KwaDabeka Clinic - RK Khan  | Ndabes Funeral | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Shanleys Funeral Home | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Khalidsha Bawa (Bayview Muslim Burial Services) Clairwood | **1** |
| Westville Hospital | Ndabes Funeral | **1** |
| St Augustine’s Hospital | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | Khalidsha Bawa (Bayview Muslim Burial Services) Clairwood | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | Shanleys Funeral Home | **1** |
| Victoria Hospital | Mandeni Funeral parlour | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | Wyebank Funeral Undertakers | **1** |
| Kingsway Hospital  | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | Khalidsha Bawa (Bayview Muslim Burial Services) Clairwood | **1** |
| Nu Shifa Hospital | Ethekwini Funeral Services | **1** |
| Crompton Hospital  | Oakleigh Funeral Home | **1** |
| Umhlanga Hospitial  | Ethekwini Funeral Services | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | AVBOB | **1** |
| Durdoc Hospital | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| Parklands Hospital | Mosaic Funeral Undetakers Ugu District | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | Pinetown Funeral Services | **1** |
| IALCH  | Bayview Muslim Burial Service | **1** |
| Entabeni Hospital | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| King Edward Hospital  | Cebolethu Funeral Services | **1** |
| Isipingo | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| Lenmed Nu Shifa Hospital | Bayview Muslim Burial Service | **1** |
| Lenmed Ethekwini Heart Hospital | Wyebank Funeral Services | **1** |
| RK Khan Hospital | Cebolethu Funeral Services | **1** |
| IALCH | Oceans Funeral Services | **1** |
| Kingsway Hospital  | Doves Greyville | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **46** |
| **King Cetshwayo** | Ngwelezane Hospital | Notha Funeral Parlour | **1** |
| Netcare the Bay Hospital | Eshowe Crematorium  | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **2** |
| **uThukela** | Ladysmith Larvena Hospital | AVBOB | 2 |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **2** |
| **Ugu**  | Margate Private Hospital  | Above All Funeral Undertakers | 1 |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **1** |
| **GRAND TOTAL KZN** | **51 (As of 04 June 2020)** |

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| **WESTERN CAPE** |
| **District**  | **Health Facility**  | **Undertaker/Mortuary** | **Number of Mortal Remains received** |
| **Cape Town** | Groote Schuur Hospital | AVBOB | **1** |
| Constantia Medi-clinic | Doves | **2** |
| Durbanville Medi-clinic | Peninsula Funeral Services | **1** |
| Heideveld Emergency Centre | Quest Funerals | **1** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | Western Cape Muslim Undertakers Forum | **1** |
| Community death | AVBOB | **1** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | Alijac Funeral Services | **1** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | Sweet Victor/Kabashe Funerals | **1** |
| Groote Schuur Hospital | AVBOB | **1** |
| Community death | AVBOB | **1** |
| Groote Schuur Hospital | Western Cape Muslim Undertakers Forum | **2** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | Uzuko/Keiza Funerals | **1** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | Amazizi/Lafuta Funerals | **1** |
| Tygerberg Hospital | Mthuthuzeli Funerals | **1** |
| Groote Schuur Hospital | AVBOB | **3** |
| **Sub Total** |  |  | **19 (As of 25 April)** |
| **Cape Winelands DM** | Ceres Hospital | Fourbeth Funerals | **4** |
| Worcester Hospital | Valley Funerals | **1** |
| Ceres Hospital | Ceres Funerals | **4** |
| Worcester Hospital | Undertaker: Avbob Worcester | **1** |
| Worcester Hospital | Undertaker: El Shaddai Begrafnisdienste | **1** |
| Paarl Hospital | Willy’s Funerals | **8** |
| Paarl Hospital | AVBOB | **3** |
| Paarl Hospital | Aubrey Solomon’s Funerals | **1** |
| Paarl Hospital | Paarl Muslim Jamaa  | **2** |
| Paarl Hospital | I. Arm (undertaker from City of Cape Town) | **1** |
| Paarl Medi Clinic | Willy’s Funerals | **1** |
| Name of Facility not mentioned  | Name of undertaker not mentioned | **5** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **32 (As of 4 June 2020)** |
| **West Coast DM** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Overberg DM** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Central Karoo DM** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Garden Route DM** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **GRAND TOTAL WC – Gross underreporting has been noted and the Province is currently correcting and updating the figures** | **51 (As of 04 June 2020)** |
| **FREE STATE** |
| **District**  | **Health Facility**  | **Undertaker/Mortuary** | **Number of Mortal Remains received** |
| **Mangaung Metro** | Pelonomi Hospital | Molly | **1** |
| Medi Clinic | AVBOB | **1** |
| Medi Clinic | Bloemfontein Funerals | **1** |
| At home | AVBOB | **1** |
| National Hospital | AVBOB | **1** |
| **GRANT TOTAL FREE STATE** | **5 (As of 25 April 2020)** |

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| **EASTERN CAPE** |
| **District**  | **Health Facility**  | **Undertaker/Mortuary** | **Number of Mortal Remains received** |
| **Amathole DM** | Frere Hospital, East London | AVBOB East London, transferred to AVBOB Butterworth | **1** |
| Life Beacon BayEast London  | Thuso Funeral ParlourIdutywa | **1** |
| Stutterheim Hospital Hospital Road  | Hewu Funerals Mlungisi LocationStutterheim | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **3** |
| **OR Tambo DM** | Died at home. New Payne Village, Mthatha, KSD LM | Phakamani Bantu, Payne Village, Mthatha, KSD LM | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **1** |
| **Nelson Mandela Bay**  | Mercantile Private Hospital | Vantyi and Vantyi Funeral Home, Zwide, Port Elizabeth | **1** |
| Livingstone Hospital | Fortuin Funeral Home, Bethelsdorp, Port Elizabeth | **1** |
| Lingstone Hospital, Port Elizabeth | Shweme Zilamkhonto, Zwide, Port Elizabeth | **1** |
| Livingstone Hospital, Port Elizabeth | Vantyi and Vantyi Funeral Home, Zwide, Port Elizabeth | **1** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **4** |
| **Chris Hani DM** | Frontier Hospital | Russel and Son Funeral Directors | **5** |
| Queenstown Private | Russel and Son Funeral Directors | **3** |
| East London Private Hospital | Russel and Son Funeral Directors | **1** |
| Frontier Hospital, Hewu Hospital & Frere Hospital | AVBOB, Komani | **3** |
| Cradock Hospital | Tusano Funerals | **1** |
| Middelburg Hospital, Greenacres Hospital | Middelburg Funerals | **2** |
| **SUB-TOTAL** |  |  | **15** |
| **GRAND TOTAL EASTERN CAPE** | **23 (As of 4 June 2020)** |
| **MPUMALANGA** |  |  |  |
| **Gert Sibande**  | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Ehlanzeni** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Nkangala** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **GRANT TOTAL MPUMALANGA** | **0** |
| **NORTH WEST** |  |  |  |
| **Bojanala**  | JST Hospital | Name of undertaker not mentioned | **1** |
| **Ngaka Modiri Molema** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Dr Kenneth Kaunda** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **Dr Ruth Mogomotsi Mompati DM** | No death recorded |  | **0** |
| **GRAND TOTAL NORTH WEST** | **0** |
| **NORTHERN CAPE** |  |  |  |
| **Namakwa**  | No death recorded |  |  |
| **Frances Baard DM** | Jan Kenpdorp CHC | Kgalalelo | **1** |
| **John Taolo Gaetsewe**  | No death recorded |  |  |
| **Pixley ka Semme**  | No death recorded |  |  |
| **ZF Mgcawu** | No death recorded |  |  |
| **GRAND TOTAL NORTHERN CAPE** | **1** |

1. A statement will be made on the matter as part of media statements to update the country on the outbreak.

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