# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 609**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 06)**

**Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

For each province and year since 2018, what total (a) number of (i)(aa) medico-legal claims have been filed and (bb) the specified claims have been paid out, distinguishing between (aaa) settlements and (bbb) court-ordered payments, (ii) claims were awarded based on lost patient files and (iii) duplicate claims have been filed and (b) amount has been spent on legal costs? **NW680E**

**REPLY:**

According to the information received from our Provincial Departments of Health, the table below reflects the details in this regard:

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| **PROVINCE** | **Number of medico-legal claims filed** | **Number of claims paid out** | **Number claims paid by way of settlements** | **Number of claims been paid by way of court order** | **Number of claims awarded based on lost patient files** | **Number of duplicate claims filed** | **Total (b) amount spent on legal cost** |
| Eastern Cape | 1714 | 331 | 0 | 331 | 0 | 0 | R 281 368 162 |
| Free State | 345 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | R 31 619 758.74 |
| Gauteng | 384 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | R 996 278 397.03 |
| KwaZulu- Natal | 833 | 148 | 0 | 148 | 0 | 0 | R 417 603 116.00 |
| Limpopo | 1147 | 41 | 4 | 37 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Mpumalanga | 756 | 79 | 30 | 49 | 27 | 0 | R 358 971 364, 00 |
| Northern Cape | 83 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 7 | 0 | R 37 921 415.00 |
| North West | 351 |  | 16 | 10 | 0 | 0 | R112 273 309.00 |
| Western Cape | 273 | 137 | 137 | 0 | 0 | 0 | R71 161 000.00 |

Table 1.

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