# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 622**

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**Dr H Chewane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

In light of the fact that the people of Mbhashe Local Municipality in the Eastern Cape have to wait for ambulances from Butterworth, where they have only three ambulances serving five towns, what plans does he have in place to ensure that the health centre in the specified municipality has its own ambulance?

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**REPLY:**

According to the Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Health, an ambulance GGX 952 EC has been stationed at the Dutywa Community Health Centre (CHC) since April 2015. Prior to that, a vehicle from Butterworth used a satellite at Dutywa CHC on an ad hoc basis due to the shortage of personnel. In April 2015, eight (8) staff members were appointed for the Mbashe area as a result the ambulance is permanently based at Dutywa CHC.

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