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**Dr H C Volmink (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What was the intake of (a) interns, (b) community service medical officers and (c) registrars in KwaZulu-Natal in (i) 2009, (ii) 2010, (iii) 2011, (iv) 2012, (v) 2013, (vi) 2014 and (vii) 2015;

(2) whether there has been a decrease in the intake in any of these categories in (a) 2014 and (b) 2015; if so, what were the reasons for the decrease in each category;

(3) (a) what amount was allocated for compensation of these posts in each category (i) in the 2013-14 and (ii) 2014-15 financial years and (b) how was this money actually spent?

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**REPLY:**

1. **(a)** **Interns**

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| **Year** | **Number** |
| 1. 2009 2. 2010 3. 2011 4. 2012 5. 2013 6. 2014 7. 2015 | 350  371  374  361  369  384  271 |

**(b) Community Service Medical Officers**

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| **Year** | **Number** |
| 1. 2009 2. 2010 3. 2011 4. 2012 5. 2013 6. 2014 7. 2015 | 223  229  202  193  198  215  230 |

**(c) Registrars**

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| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Number** |
| 1. 2009 2. 2010 3. 2011 4. 2012 5. 2013 6. 2014 7. 2015 | 150  170  209  194  165  39  0 |

1. (a) 2014:
2. Interns – Yes.

As a result of the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine at the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) reverting to a six-year programme for medical students there were no students in 2014 completing the sixth year and this reduced the number of students that could be placed for internship.

1. Community Service Medical Officers – No decrease.
2. Registrars – Yes, due to limited available funding.
3. (a) (i) and (ii) No fixed amount was allocated.

(b) (i) 2013-14

Interns: R363,583,000.00

Community Service Medical Officers: R138,136,500.00

Registrars: R471,970,000.00

(ii) 2014-15

Medical Interns: R373,614,200.00

Community Service Medical Officers: R155,466,000.00

Registrars: R430,000,000.00

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