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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 69 [NW1026E]**

**69. Mrs S M Mokgotho (EFF) to ask the Minister of Employment and Labour:**

1. What number of persons in each province is employed in the South African retail sector? NW1026E

# REPLY:

**PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE TRADE SECTOR IN SOUTH AFRICA**

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| **PROVINCE** | **TOTAL\_ACTIVE\_EMPLOYEES (AS ON 23-JUN-2019)** |
| GAUTENG | 2 029 714 |
| WESTERN CAPE | 1 212 098 |
| KWAZULU NATAL | 695 013 |
| MPUMALANGA | 293 531 |
| EASTERN CAPE | 258 762 |
| FREE STATE | 107 266 |
| NORTH WEST | 69 609 |
| LIMPOPO | 67 714 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 48 163 |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | **4 781 870** |

Source: UIF Operations system

According to the operations system of the UIF more than 4.7 million people are employed in the trade sector in South Africa. The provinces of Gauteng, Western Cape and KwaZulu-Natal has 82% of the employees with Gauteng alone contributing 42% of the total employees. The Northern Cape has the least number of employees at just over 48 000.