# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Dr S SThembekwayo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

What is the (a) race, (b) age and (c) last residential address of all persons who died from listeriosis?

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**REPLY:**

(a) The racial distribution of deceased patients is known only for those patients for whom a case investigation form was submitted to the NICD. The racial breakdown is shown in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Race distribution where available of persons with lab-confirmed listeriosis, who were reported to have died (1 Jan 2017-20 March 2018)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Race | Died | % of deaths | Total cases recorded |
| BLACK | 62 | 34 | **261** |
| COLOURED | 8 | 4 | **21** |
| UNKNOWN | 109 | 59 | **675** |
| WHITE | 6 | 3 | **26** |
| ASIAN | 0 | 0 | **0** |
| Total | **185** | 100 | **983** |

(b) The age distribution of deceased patients is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Age (where reported) of all laboratory-confirmed listeriosis cases who have been reported dead at the end of hospitalisation "1 January 2017 - 20 March 2018".

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Outcome | Died | % |
| ≤28 days | 78 | 42.2 |
| 1 months - 14 years | 7 | 4.0 |
| 15 - 49 years | 47 | 25.4 |
| 50 - 64 years | 24 | 13.0 |
| ≥65 years | 26 | 14.1 |
| Unknown | 3**\*** | 1.1 |
| Total | **185** | 100 |

\*3 patients with lab-confirmed listeria had no age reported on lab investigation form, and a case investigation form was not completed.

(c) I am not able to release residential addresses of people who died in our hospitals from any cause, through a parliamentary question. This needs a legal process.

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