# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) What has been the breakdown in expenditure on air ambulance services in the Northern Cape (a) in the (i) 2012-13, (ii) 2013-14 and (iii) 2014-15 financial years and (b) since 1 April 2015 to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) have third parties been used to provide such services; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) which third parties were used in each case and (b) what was the expenditure on each of the third parties (i) in the specified financial years and (ii) period;

(3) are all air ambulance services in the Northern Cape operational; if not (a) why not and (b) when did the specified services stop?

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**REPLY:**

According to the Northern Cape Department of Health, the response is as follows:

1. (a) The breakdown in expenditure on air ambulance services
2. 2012-2013: Unable to source information;
3. 2013-2014: R14,359,809.26;
4. 2014-2015: R11,768,985.19;

(b) 2015 – 18 March 2016: R10,851,059.19

1. Third parties were not used to provide such services.
2. The fixed wing aircraft, Aerocare (Ambulance Air Africa) is operational in the Northern Cape Province. The current contract operates on a month-to-month system until National Treasury finalises the new tender for aeromedical services.

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