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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms N N Chirwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(a) What is the full list of health facilities that do not have the full capacity for anti-retroviral treatment for HIV/Aids in the Republic, (b)(i) what total number of patients are affected nationally by the lack of capacity to provide anti-retroviral treatment and (ii) in which facilities is this the case and (c) for what period did the specified patients not have access to prescribed medication?

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**REPLY:**

According to the Provincial Departments of Health in the country –

(a) Most (4,601 including hospitals, clinics, mobiles and correctional centres report to DHIS) facilities have full capacity for ART treatment for HIV/AIDS in the Republic. All primary health care facilities and hospitals have full capacity for anti-retroviral treatment for HIV/AIDS in the Republic. However, small facilities often do not have more than 1 person trained to provide anti-retroviral treatment. Mobile health facilities do not have the full capacity for ART.

The table below indicate the number of Mobile health facilities per province.

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| **Province** | **Number of mobile health facilities** |
| Eastern Cape | 177 |
| Free State | 135 |
| Gauteng | 106 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 193 |
| Limpopo | 144 |
| Mpumalanga | 114 |
| Northern Cape | 54 |
| North West | 54 |
| Western Cape | 174 |
| **TOTAL** | **1,151** |

Where, mobile clinic facilities are not providing service, clients are referred to the nearest facility that provides for this service.

(b) (i) No patients were turned away from health care facilities without ARV treatment.

(ii) No facilities were affected in the country.

(c) All patients who visited health facilities received ART.

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