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| MEMORANDUM FROM THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE |

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 837**

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**Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation:**

What (a) is the vacancy rate for all types of nurses in the Republic, (b) is the breakdown of the number of posts that have remained vacant in each province and (c) are the details of the vacancy rate in the years (i) 2016, (ii) 2017, (iii) 2018, (iv) 2019 and (v) 2020? **NW997E**

**REPLY:**

The Department of Higher Education and Training has no jurisdiction over the appointment of healthcare professionals or nurses. This is the responsibility of Provincial health Departments and this question should be re-directed to the National Department of Health.