# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 981**

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**Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What (a) is the percentage of vacant posts currently in state hospitals in each province and (b) number of chief executive officers are still in an acting capacity;

(2) whether he will furnish Ms H Ismail with a full report on the infrastructure upgrades of state hospitals in each province; if not, why not; if so, on what date?

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**REPLY:**

The following information is as received from the Provincial Departments of Health.

1. (a) The overall percentage (%) rate for vacant posts in state hospitals in each province is 13%. The table below indicates the percentage (%) of vacant posts in Government Hospitals per Province as at end February 2021.

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| **Province** | **% Vacant posts in Hospitals** |
| Eastern Cape | 13% |
| Free State | 21% |
| Gauteng | 11% |
| KwaZulu Natal | 14% |
| Limpopo Province | 7% |
| Mpumalanga | 12% |
| North West | 14% |
| Northern Cape | 17% |
| Western Cape | 15% |
| **Overall Total** | **13%** |

1. The total number of Chief Executive Officers in acting positions is 64. The table below illustrates numbers per Province.

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| **Total acting CEOs per Province** | |
| **Province** | **Acting CEO's** |
| Eastern Cape | 14 |
| Free State | 6 |
| Gauteng | 10 |
| KwaZulu Natal | - |
| Limpopo Province | 11 |
| Mpumalanga | 7 |
| North West | 7 |
| Northern Cape | 7 |
| Western Cape | 2 |
| **Overall Total** | **64** |

The National Department of Health (NDoH) acknowledges the reported number of acting Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) as high. As a result, the Director-General has written letters to the Provincial Heads of Health Departments to prioritise the appointment of experienced eligible candidates permanently to the positions of CEOs at their earliest convenience to ensure stability and service delivery continuity in the affected Hospitals.

(2) A full report on the infrastructure upgrades of state hospitals in each province is herewith attached as Annexure 1.

END.