# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 890**

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**(INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 10)**

**Mrs M O Clarke (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) What is the total number of (a) general practitioners, (b) specialist medical personnel, (c) surgeons and (d) paediatricians (i) nationally and (ii) in each province;

(2) what is the ratio for each specified health professional to the population;

(3) what total number of (a) doctors, (b) nurses and (c) psychologists were registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa since 1 January 2013? **NW996E**

**REPLY:**

1. In accordance with the data as received from the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), the following is the total number of

(a) General practitioners (i) nationally and (ii) in each province:

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|  |  | **PRACTICE\_FIELD** | |  |
| **REGISTER\_NAME** | **PROVINCE** | **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** | **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER - Restricted Practice** | **Grand Total** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** | Eastern Cape | 2,513 | 24 | **2,537** |
|  | ex SWA | 45 |  | **45** |
|  | Foreign | 473 | 1 | **474** |
|  | Free State | 1,186 | 18 | **1,204** |
|  | Gauteng | 9,669 | 41 | **9,710** |
|  | Kwa Zulu Natal | 5,582 | 21 | **5,603** |
|  | Limpopo | 1,480 | 23 | **1,503** |
|  | Mpumalanga | 1,457 | 25 | **1,482** |
|  | North West | 1,076 | 23 | **1,099** |
|  | Northern Cape | 610 | 36 | **646** |
|  | UNKNOWN | 2 |  | **2** |
|  | Western Cape | 5,939 | 5 | **5,944** |
|  | Province n/a | 383 | 2 | **385** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER Total** |  | **30,415** | **219** | **30,634** |

(b) Specialist medical personnel (i) nationally and (ii) in each province:

**Grand totals for all Specialities and all Sub-subspecialties**

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|  |  | **PRACTICE\_FIELD** | |  |
| **REGISTER\_NAME** | **PROVINCE** | **SPECIALIST** | **SUBSPECIALIST** | **Grand Total** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** | Eastern Cape | 797 | 80 | **877** |
|  | ex SWA | 37 | 1 | **38** |
|  | Foreign | 344 | 27 | **371** |
|  | Free State | 634 | 70 | **704** |
|  | Gauteng | 5,534 | 853 | **6,387** |
|  | Kwa Zulu Natal | 2,415 | 348 | **2,763** |
|  | Limpopo | 259 | 14 | **273** |
|  | Mpumalanga | 330 | 9 | **339** |
|  | North West | 267 | 18 | **285** |
|  | Northern Cape | 139 | 9 | **148** |
|  | UNKNOWN | 2 | 1 | **3** |
|  | Western Cape | 3,698 | 625 | **4,323** |
|  | Province n/a | 162 | 25 | **187** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER Total** |  | **14,618** | **2,080** | **16,698** |

(c) Surgeons and (d) Paediatricians (i) nationally and (ii) in each province; -

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|  |  | **S P E C I A L I T Y** | | | |  |
| **REGISTER\_NAME** | **PROVINCE** | **NEURO-**  **SURGERY** | **PAEDIATRICS** | **PAEDIATRIC SURGERY** | **SURGERY** | **Grand Total** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** | Eastern Cape | 12 | 87 | 5 | 73 | **177** |
|  | ex SWA | 1 | 3 |  |  | **4** |
|  | Foreign | 2 | 27 | 1 | 15 | **45** |
|  | Free State | 13 | 64 | 4 | 47 | **128** |
|  | Gauteng | 107 | 575 | 27 | 404 | **1,113** |
|  | Kwa Zulu Natal | 41 | 279 | 11 | 245 | **576** |
|  | Limpopo | 5 | 44 |  | 15 | **64** |
|  | Mpumalanga | 7 | 28 |  | 22 | **57** |
|  | North West | 5 | 25 |  | 14 | **44** |
|  | Northern Cape | 2 | 15 |  | 7 | **24** |
|  | UNKNOWN |  |  |  | 1 | **1** |
|  | Western Cape | 59 | 402 | 15 | 281 | **757** |
|  | Province n/a | 3 | 15 |  | 13 | **31** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER Total** |  | **257** | **1,564** | **63** | **1,137** | **3,021** |

1. The current population for the Country is 60 604 087 as at March 2023. The table below provide the ratio breakdown per occupational category to the population.

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Occupational Category** | **Sum - count** | **Total per 10 000 population** | | General Practitioners | 30634 | 5.054774606 | | Specialist medical personnel | 16 698 | 2.755259723 | | Surgeons | 1 394 | 0.230017490 | | Paediatricians | 1 627 | 0.268463742 | |  |

1. The table below provide a breakdown of (a) doctors, and (c) psychologists who registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) since 1 January 2013

**NB (b) Nurses do not register with the HPCSA.**

Doctors

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|  |  |  | **PRACTICE\_FIELD** | | | |  |
| **REGISTER\_NAME** | **ORIGIN** | **CAT\_FROM\_**  **YEAR** | **General Practitioners** | **SPECIALIST** | **SUB**  **SPECIALIST** | **Grand Total** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER** | **SOUTH AFRICAN** | 2013 | 1,249 | 486 | 77 | **1,812** |
|  |  | 2014 | 1,244 | 497 | 100 | **1,841** |
|  |  | 2015 | 1,344 | 670 | 94 | **2,108** |
|  |  | 2016 | 1,333 | 700 | 72 | **2,105** |
|  |  | 2017 | 1,105 | 541 | 99 | **1,745** |
|  |  | 2018 | 1,418 | 519 | 87 | **2,024** |
|  |  | 2019 | 1,528 | 583 | 73 | **2,184** |
|  |  | 2020 | 1,583 | 423 | 95 | **2,101** |
|  |  | 2021 | 1,874 | 625 | 83 | **2,582** |
|  |  | 2022 | 2,339 | 654 | 83 | **3,076** |
|  |  | 2023 | 1,947 | 179 | 26 | **2,152** |
|  | **SOUTH AFRICAN Total** |  | **16,964** | **5,877** | **889** | **23,730** |
| **MEDICAL PRACTITIONER Total** |  |  | **16,964** | **5,877** | **889** | **23,730** |

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|  | psychologists | **CAT\_FROM\_YR** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **REGISTER\_NAME** | **PRACTICE\_FIELD** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** | **Grand Total** |
| **PSYCHOLOGIST** | CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY | 113 | 101 | 150 | 156 | 114 | 108 | 116 | 134 | 73 | 102 | 50 | **1,217** |
|  | COMMUNITY SERVICE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY | 87 | 155 | 146 | 118 | 108 | 124 | 119 | 74 | 99 | 99 | 50 | **1,179** |
|  | COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGY | 47 | 51 | 49 | 41 | 52 | 65 | 67 | 54 | 63 | 63 | 9 | **561** |
|  | EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY | 51 | 70 | 47 | 62 | 62 | 74 | 54 | 48 | 73 | 67 | 22 | **630** |
|  | INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGY | 98 | 116 | 125 | 127 | 121 | 89 | 115 | 95 | 125 | 88 | 15 | **1,114** |
|  | NEUROPSYCHOLOGY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 59 | 30 | 36 | 4 | **129** |
|  | RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGY | 19 | 13 | 25 | 20 | 18 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 1 | **144** |
|  | (blank) | 38 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **39** |
| **PSYCHOLOGIST Total** |  | **453** | **507** | **542** | **524** | **475** | **467** | **482** | **472** | **471** | **469** | **151** | **5,013** |

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