

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION: 1075**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Dr K W du P le Roux (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

- (1) With regard to the medical intern allocation process for 2025, what total number of (a) medical students are expected to complete their medical degrees at the end of 2024 and (b) funded posts are available for first year interns for 2025 in each (i) province and (ii) hospital;
- (2) (a) what are the (i) timelines for internship applications for 2025 and (ii) dates for the (aa) first, (bb) second and (cc) third round of internship allocations and (b) by what date will the 2025 first year medical interns be notified of their postings?

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**REPLY:**

1. (1) (a) The total number of medical students that are South African Citizens and Permanent Residents expected to complete their medical degrees at the end of 2024 is - 2104. These are numbers confirmed from the Institutions of Higher Learning in South Africa and self-registered applicants who applied on the Internship and Community Service Placement (ICSP) online System Program.
- (i) The table below indicate the total number of funded posts per Province for the first-year interns in the 2025 Annual Cycle.

Total Posts available Medical Internship - 2025 Annual Cycle											
	SAMHS	EC	FS	GP	KZN	LP	MPU	NW	NC	WC	Grand Total
Funded Posts available	19	218	90	784	552	176	109	194	31	130	2303

1. The table below provides a breakdown per Provincial Department and the South African Military Health Services (SAMHS) in specific Facility/Hospital for the 2025 Annual Cycle.
- (2) (a) (i) The application period for applicants in terms of the Project Plan was from 9 August 2024 to 30 August 2024.
- (ii) (aa)(bb)(cc) Since there are enough posts for eligible South African Citizens and Permanent Residents, only one algorithm was run on 17 August 2024. Provincial concurrence with the algorithm result was undertaken during the period 18 to 21 September 2024. Provinces were given an opportunity to confirm the allocated numbers were in line with their posts for service delivery during the period 23 to 25 September 2024.
- (b) 2025 first year medical interns were notified of their placement results on 26 September 2024.

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