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1215.. Mr B B Nodada (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:

What is the total number of (a)(i) counsellors, (ii) psychologists, (iii) psychiatrists and (iv) social workers who are employed in schools (aa) nationally and (bb) in each province and (b) vacancies in each case (i) nationally and (ii) in each province?

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Response

Different provinces package psychosocial support to schools differently. However, in general, the support is given through a combination of direct appointments at schools, mainly at special schools, and support both from the provincial and district levels through the district-based support teams. It is therefore critical that the support given is viewed as such. The information provided is based on the data on PERSAL as of the end of February 2023. It includes both district/province-based and school-based posts.

(a)(i) counsellors, (aa) nationally (bb) in each province

PROVINCE	COUNSELLORS		TOTAL
	Office	School	
GAUTENG	5		5
KWAZULU/NATAL	1		1
NORTHERN CAPE	1		1
WESTERN CAPE	2	39	41
Grand Total	9	39	48

(ii) psychologists,(aa) nationally (bb) in each province

PROVINCE	PSYCHOLOGISTS		TOTAL
	Office	School	
EASTERN CAPE	15	7	22
FREE STATE	8	6	14
GAUTENG	56	2	58
KWAZULU/NATAL	13		13

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LIMPOPO PROVINCE	4		4
MPUMALANGA	9	4	13
NORTH WEST	2	1	3
NORTHERN CAPE	4		4
WESTERN CAPE	64	39	103
Grand Total	175	59	234

(iii) psychiatrists

The sector does not have the post of psychiatrists.

(iv) social workers who are employed in schools

PROVINCE	SOCIAL WORKERS		TOTAL
	Office	School	
EASTERN CAPE	53	1	54
FREE STATE	40	20	60
GAUTENG	137	20	157
KWAZULU/NATAL	68	5	73
LIMPOPO	62	9	71
MPUMALANGA	50		50
NORTH WEST	71		71

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NORTHERN CAPE	20		20
WESTERN CAPE	95	1	96
Grand Total	596	56	652

(b) **vacancies** in each case

(i) nationally and (ii) in each province?

PROVINCE	COUNSELLORS		TOTAL
	Office	School	
EAST CAPE	54		54
GAUTENG	3	1	4
LIMPOPO	5		5
NORTHERN CAPE	6	14	20
Grand Total	68	15	83

PROVINCE	PSYCHOLOGISTS		TOTAL
	Office	School	
EAST CAPE	117	22	139
GAUTENG	13	5	18
KZN EDUCATION		4	4
LIMPOPO	2		2

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MPUMALANGA	3		3
NORTH CAPE	8		8
NORTH WEST	29		29
WESTERN CAPE	20	20	40
Grand Total	192	51	243

PROVINCE	SOCIAL WORKERS		TOTAL
	Office	School	
EAST CAPE	65		65
FREE STATE	58		58
GAUTENG	5	1	6
KZN EDUCATION		10	
LIMPOPO	4	7	11
NORTH CAPE	6		6
NORTH WEST E	8		8
WESTERN CAPE	13		13
Grand Total	159	18	177