



TO : HANSARD AND HOUSE BUSINESS
FROM : MEC FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS
SUBJECT : RESPONSES TO QUESTION 12 OF IQP 29 FOR ORAL REPLY

***12. Mr S Magaqa to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

With reference to the winter initiation season in the province:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. What is the current number of deaths experienced in the current winter initiation period in the province;	11 deaths
2. in which districts were these deaths experienced and/or occurred;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 from Mhlontlo Local Municipality • 2 from KSD Local Municipality • 2 from Ingquza Local Municipality • 1 from Buffalo City in Mdantsane
3. what (a) were the main causes of these deaths and (b) mitigation plans has his Department implemented in this regard;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dehydration • Septicaemia • Gangrene <p>All the above causes of deaths are as result of negligence on the part of parents or persons who are assigned to take full responsibility of the initiates.</p> <p>Advocacy and awareness campaigns were embarked on by EC COGTA to educate would be initiates and their parents or guardians about the roadmap to safe initiation including their responsibilities.</p>
4. how many boys, if any, were admitted to hospitals as a result of botched circumcision in the province?	<p>119 initiates were admitted to hospitals due to customary male initiation related complications, the following is the breakdown of admissions: -</p> <p>OR Tambo= 76</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 in Nyandeni due septic wound, dehydration • 30 Mhlontlo (St Lucy's & Nessie Knight) due septic wound, dehydration • 14 PSJ in Silimela hospital due septic wound, dehydration • 09 Qaukeni in HollyCross Hospital • 01 KSD (Mthatha Regional Hosp)

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	<p>Alfred Nzo =15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Bizana- Tambo Hospital • 3 Ntabankulu for septic wound, dehydration & lower respiratory tract infection <p>Joe Gqabi = 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Elundini in Maclear Hosp due to septic wound <p>Sarah Baartman =1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lodger –treated and discharged at Settlers Hospital for minor bleeding, <p>BCM = 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Frere Hospital • 1 Mdantsane • 3 Life Beacon Bay • 1 East London Private Hospital <p>Amathole =2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Amahlathi –Nompumelelo & • 1 Mbashe (Madwaleni) for treatment of septic wound <p>Chris Hani=16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Enoch Mgijima (Frontier), • 5 Emalahleni (Glen Grey), • 5 Ntsika Yethu (Cofimvaba), • 2 Ngcobo (All Saints) • 1 Nxuba Yethemba(NMBM)