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Trade, Industry and Competition
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO. 179

Mr S M Gana (Rise Mzansi) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:

- (1) In the past seven years, what (a) total number of licences were issued to gambling and betting operators in each year, (b) is the breakdown of the type of licences issued by each gambling authority and (c) is the period of validity for each specified licence;
- (2) what total number of (a) provincial and (b) national licences were issued by each provincial gambling authority in each year in the past seven years and (c) of the specified licences are still operational; and
- (3) what total number of national licences (a) were issued by the National Gambling Board in each year in the past seven years and (b) are pending approval and/or concurrence, in accordance with section 42 of the National Gambling Act, Act 7 of 2004? NW190E

REPLY:

The National Gambling Board has advised as follows:

1. In the past seven years,
 - a) what total number of licences were issued to gambling and betting operators in each year?
 - 2018/19: 2930
 - 2019/20: 3082
 - 2020/21: 2887
 - 2021/22: 2976
 - 2022/23: 3186
 - 2023/24: 3174
 - 2024/25: 3135



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b) what is the breaking of the type of licenses issued by each gambling authority?

WESTERN CAPE

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licensed Casino	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
LPM route operators	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
LPM site operators	432	447	450	465	488	498	472
Bookmakers	46	43	49	53	58	64	69
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

MPUMALANGA

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licensed Casino	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
LPM route operators	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
LPM site operators	214	266	230	263	273	292	320
Bookmakers	12	12	16	24	27	28	32
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Bingo outlets	8	8	9	9	9	8	8

KWAZULU-NATAL

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licensed Casino	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
LPM route operators	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
LPM site operators	572	575	554	564	586	566	512
Bookmakers	50	49	48	46	46	45	43
Totalisators	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Bingo outlets	9	14	20	21	21	22	17
Racecourse operators		2	2	2			

GAUTENG

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licensed Casino	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
LPM route operators	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
LPM site operators	542	607	504	493	530	521	527
Bookmakers	128	128	128	128	171	172	173
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bingo outlets	11	11	11	11	11	20	20



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Race meeting			1	1	1	1	
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LIMPOPO

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licenced Casino	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
LPM route operators	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
LPM site operators	216	208	216	223	225	222	216
Bookmakers	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bingo outlets	7	7		7	7	7	7

EASTERN CAPE

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licenced Casino	5	5	5	5	5	5	4
LPM route operators	2	6	4	4	6	6	6
LPM site operators	206	192	154	167	156	157	157
Bookmakers	10	9	9	7	11	9	19
Totalisators	1	1	1		1	1	1
Bingo outlets	15	15	15	15	15	15	15

NORTH WEST

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licenced Casino	4	4	4	4	4	3	3
LPM route operators	6	7	7	7	7	7	7
LPM site operators	143	162	143	127	148	143	152
Bookmakers	4	5	5	5	5	9	11
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Bingo outlets	6	6	7	7	7	7	7

FREE STATE

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licenced Casino	4	4	3	3	3	3	3
LPM route operators	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
LPM site operators	137	155	155	159	205	191	185
Bookmakers	7	7	7	28	28	28	28
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



NORTHERN CAPE

Type of license	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	/2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Licensed Casino	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
LPM route operators	2	5	2	2	2	2	2
LPM site operators	51	46	47	44	48	40	35
Bookmakers	15	11	17	18	18	18	18
Totalisators	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

c) what is the period of validity for each specified licence?

The period of each license is as follows, and is determined by each Provincial Licencing Authorities Legislation and licence conditions:

- Casino licences: Long-term licences (typically 10–15 years, renewable subject to compliance).
- Limited Payment Machines (LPMs)route operator licences: Multi-year licences subject to annual compliance and renewal conditions.
- LPM site operator licences: Generally annual licences renewable upon compliance.
- Bookmaker licences: Annual operating licences subject to renewal.
- Totalisator licences: Typically, long-term operator licences with annual operational approvals.
- Bingo licences: Multi-year licences with annual renewals.

2. What total number of:

a) provincial licences were issued by each provincial gambling authority in each year in the past seven years?

Western Cape

- 2018/19: 486
- 2019/20: 498
- 2020/21: 507
- 2021/22: 526
- 2022/23: 554
- 2023/24: 570
- 2024/25: 549



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Mpumalanga

- 2018/19: 241
- 2019/20: 293
- 2020/21: 259
- 2021/22: 300
- 2022/23: 313
- 2023/24: 332
- 2024/25: 368

KwaZulu-Natal

- 2018/19: 645
- 2019/20: 652
- 2020/21: 631
- 2021/22: 645
- 2022/23: 667
- 2023/24: 647
- 2024/25: 596

Gauteng

- 2018/19: 694
- 2019/20: 759
- 2020/21: 657
- 2021/22: 647
- 2022/23: 726
- 2023/24: 747
- 2024/25: 753

Limpopo

- 2018/19: 238
- 2019/20: 230
- 2020/21: 238
- 2021/22: 245
- 2022/23: 247
- 2023/24: 244
- 2024/25: 238



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Eastern Cape

- 2018/19: 239
- 2019/20: 228
- 2020/21: 188
- 2021/22: 199
- 2022/23: 194
- 2023/24: 193
- 2024/25: 202

North West

- 2018/19: 164
- 2019/20: 185
- 2020/21: 167
- 2021/22: 151
- 2022/23: 172
- 2023/24: 170
- 2024/25: 181

Free State

- 2018/19: 151
- 2019/20: 169
- 2020/21: 168
- 2021/22: 194
- 2022/23: 239
- 2023/24: 225
- 2024/25: 219

Northern Cape

- 2018/19: 72
- 2019/20: 66
- 2020/21: 70
- 2021/22: 69
- 2022/23: 73
- 2023/24: 65
- 2024/25: 59



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b) national licences were issued by each provincial gambling authority in each year in the past seven years?

There are no national licences for operators. National licences are only issued to Manufacturers, testing laboratories and their employees (which are not included in the numbers above).

c) of the specified licences are still operational?

As at 31 March 2025 the following were the operational licences per province:

- Western Cape: 549
- Mpumalanga: 368
- KwaZulu-Natal: 596
- Gauteng: 753
- Limpopo: 238
- Eastern Cape: 202
- North West: 181
- Free State: 219
- Northern Cape: 59

3. What total number of national licences

a) were issued by the National Gambling Board in each year in the past seven years?

None

b) are pending approval and/or concurrence, in accordance with section 42 of the National Gambling Act, Act 7 of 2004?

None: The information on 1(a), (b), (c) and 2(a) and (c) was sourced from the Provincial Licensing Authorities.

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