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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1001. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to the Early Childhood Development-Employment Stimulus Relief Fund (ECD-ESRF) applications received in each of the provinces before 26 February 2021 deadline, (a) on what date will applicants receive the relief package and (b) what (i) total number of applications have been received, (ii) is the ECD registration status of applicants, (iii) is the number of applications that fall within poor wards according to the Statistics SA Multidimensional Poverty Index and (iv) is the total number of (aa) ECD employees who will benefit, (bb) children who attend the ECDs and (cc) ECDs who have committed to re-opening within 60 days of receipt of the ECD-ESRF? NW1169E

**REPLY:**

1. The applicants receive the relief package as and when they pass the verification process. Currently eight thousand and eighty-seven (8 083) ECD services with thirty-three thousand five hundred and twenty three thousand and seventy nine (23 079) employees have been paid.
2. (i) A total of 28,283 applications were

 received.

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| Eastern Cape | 3778 |
| Free state | 1493 |
| Gauteng | 6023 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 5415 |
| Limpopo | 4250 |
| Mpumalanga | 1928 |
| North West | 1478 |
| Northern Cape | 749 |
| Western Cape | 3169 |

 (ii) The applicants received are either

 fully/conditionally registered or

 unregistered.

 (iii) 39% of applications falls within poor wards

 according to the Statistics SA

 Multidimensional Poverty Index. The

 breakdown according to provinces:

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| **Province** | % Applications in Poor Wards | % Wards that are poverty declared |
| Eastern Cape | 67% | 72% |
| Free State | 4% | 8% |
| Gauteng | 12% | 10% |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 55% | 74% |
| Limpopo | 84% | 82% |
| Mpumalanga | 37% | 17% |
| North West | 53% | 43% |
| Northern Cape | 22% | 12% |
| Western Cape | 0% | 0% |

 (iv) (aa) A total of 108 833 ECD employees is

 targeted to benefit, however after the

 verification based on the applications

 received 116 578.

 (bb) There are over 450 000 children who

 attend the ECD programmes since

 reopening of ECD services in July

 2020. It is not immediately possible

 to have the accurate numbers.

 (cc) Every applicant committed to re-

 open within 60 days after receipt of

 funding as it was one of the

 requirements.