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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.