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**1222. Ms L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What amount did her department set aside to roll-out the Social Relief of Distress Grant? NW1529E

**REPLY:**

 The budget for the Social Relief of Distress Grant in the current financial year department initially received is R3.4 billion for the roll-out of the COVID-19 Special Social Relief of Distress Grant. Following the Supplementary Budget allocations, the available amount has been increased to R11 billion. No additional administrative budget was provided, and SASSA has re-prioritised within the existing budget to be able to fund the development of the system, the communication channels and other administrative costs associated with the roll out of this grant.