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**1235. Ms S J Graham (DA) asked the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure: [🟊260][**Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]

What (a) number of participants are currently actively working as part of the Expanded Public Works Programme’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic that she launched on 27 March 2020 and (b) total amount has been paid to date to the specified participants? **NW1592E**

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**REPLY:**

**The Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure:**

1. As at 17 July 2020, a total of 16 417 participants were actively working in COVID-19 response related to the Department of Health Promotion of Hygiene Strategy interventions.
2. A total of R1 906 375 was paid to participants as stipends as at 21 July 2020. Further processing of payments are still underway.