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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1291**

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**1291. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether, in light of the fact that her department utilised 2% of the Presidential Early Childhood Development Stimulus Relief Fund for administration fees, what (a) was the total amount from which the administration fees were deducted and (b) was the total amount of the administration fees in Rands;

(2) whether second and third administration fees were charged in 2021 and 2022 respectively; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) was the value in Rands of the second and third administration fees, (b) is the breakdown of how the administration fees were utilised, (c) are the names of the service providers who were paid with the administration fees and (d) are the amount(s) paid to the specified service providers? NW1550E

**REPLY:**

1. The amount was used for administration costs which may include administration fees, staff costs, travel costs required for administration of the grant by Provincial Departments of Social Development.
   1. The total budget allocation for the Presidential ECD Stimulus Relief Fund was R496,250 for the 2020/21 financial year;
   2. Of the total budget above, an amount of R6,409 million was budgeted for a once-off administration cost.
   3. No, administration costs were charged as a once-off (refer to b). Of the budgeted administration costs, an amount of R1,282 million was spent as per the breakdown below:

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| Province | Amount | Commodity |
| Northern Cape | R 283 920-00 | Advertising and Marketing |
| Western Cape | R 998 380-00 | Service Providers staff cost and travel costs for site visits across the Province conducting second level verification of ECD facilities and practitioners |
| Total | R1 282 300-00 |  |

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| Province | Service Provider | Amounts |
| Northern Cape | NCRF (National Community Radio Forum) Northern Cape | R283 920-00 |
| Western Cape | Foundation for Community Work | R 998 380 |
| Total |  | R1 282 300 |