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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1302. Ms C V King (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What number of social grant pay points were (a) closed since 1 January 2017 and (b) in existence as at 30 June 2019? NW2513E

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**REPLY:**

1. As at 1 January 2017, SASSA had a total of 9 937 cash pay points. By April 2018, the number of pay points reduced to 7 963, with the removal of inactive and duplicated pay points. The duplication in counting came about as some pay points are serviced on more than one day per month and were counted per day rather than as distinct pay points. A total number of 6 223 pay points have been closed since April 2018, with a balance of 1 740 remaining active as at April 2019.
2. As at 30 June 2019, a total of 1 740 registered cash pay points remain. However, in October 2019, 1 611 are still actively serviced.

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**Approved by the Minister of Social Development**

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