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**1364. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) What is the total number of vacant posts for social workers in each province, (b) for how long have they been vacant, (c) what are the reasons that the posts have not been filled and (d) what is the total number of unemployed social workers in the Republic?

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**REPLY:**

**(a) (b) (c)**

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| **Province** | **Number** | **Period of vacancy** | **Reasons for vacancies** |
| 1. KZN | 107 | 4 years | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. WC | 103 | 6-12 months | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. FS | 101 | 8 years | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. EC | 151 | 5 years | Moratorium on filling of posts (2019-Sept 2022) due to significant reduction on CoE budget |
| 1. LP | 44 | 12 Months | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. NC | 158 | 1-2 years | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. MP | 72 | 1-2 years | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. GP | 365 | 1-2 years | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |
| 1. NW | 178 | 1-2 years | Budget constraints (significant reduction on Compensation of Employees over the MTEF period |

(d) Around 9 000.