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**1449. Dr G A Grootboom (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) What is the total number of persons who were employed at early childhood development centers in the (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016 and (iv) 2017 academic years, (b) what number of the specified persons were assessed against the Child Protection Register and (c) what number of the specified persons were found not suitable to work with children in each case? NW1591E

**Reply:**

1. What is the total number of persons who were employed at early childhood development centers in the (i) 2014, (ii) 2015, (iii) 2016 and (iv) 2017 academic years,

The above Parliamentary Question has provincial implications and at the time of reply no response was received from Provinces.

(b) the Child Protection Register classifies organisations only as employers and not in terms of their functions, namely early childhood development centers. However, the number of employees screened in (i) 2014 were 30010, (ii) 2015 were 32780, (iii) 2016 were 39203 and 2017 were 3921 (April and May), and (c) No specified persons in respect of early childhood development centers were found not suitable to work with children in each case.