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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1495**

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**1495. Ms P Marais (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What is the total number of outstanding temporary disability grant applications that needs to be finalised?NW1669E

**REPLY:**

A temporary disability grant is given for a specific period, informed by the medical assessment. At the end of that period, the grant lapses and the citizen has to re-apply for the grant, should he/she feel he/she is still unable to work as a result of the impact of the medical condition or disability. If the citizen does not return to SASSA after the grant has lapsed, it is assumed that the condition has improved, to the extent that he/she can compete in the open labour market and no longer requires a grant.

There are currently no outstanding temporary disability grants awaiting finalisation.

However, the table below indicates the numbers of applicants booked for medical assessments for disability grants. It is only once the assessment has been done that it will be known whether the grant is awarded as a temporary or permanent disability grant, as this classification is determined by the presenting medical condition. A temporary disability grant is awarded where there is a likelihood that the medical condition or disability is not likely to present for a period of longer than twelve (12) months.

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| **Clients Awaiting To Be Medically Assessed for a Disability Grant** | |
| **Region** | **Upcoming Assessment\*** |
| WESTERN CAPE | 8 049 |
| EASTERN CAPE | 958 |
| KWAZULU NATAL | 4 461 |
| LIMPOPO | 2 657 |
| NORTHERN CAPE | 773 |
| FREE STATE | 1 427 |
| GAUTENG | 6 737 |
| NORTH WEST | 2 243 |
| MPUMALANGA | 2 653 |
| **TOTAL** | **29 958** |
| * **Schedule for the period until the month of June 2022** | |