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**153. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) How long does a (a) social worker, (b) student social worker and (c) social auxiliary worker on average have to wait to be registered by the SA Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP);

(2) How does the overall functioning of the SACSSP impact on the availability of social workers;

(3) whether the SACSSP paid R81 000 to a certain company (details furnished); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW153E

**Reply:**

1. The average turnaround time for the registration of all categories of social work practitioners is one day provided that applicants furnish the council with all the required documentation.
2. In terms of the Act the SACSSP has three complementary mandates to execute, namely, registration and professional services, education, training and development as well as professional conduct. These mandates are executed in relation to all registered social workers available to practice in the country.
3. Def Music Studio was contracted by the SACSSP for publication of promotional material during 2006. An amount of R81 000.00 was paid for services rendered.