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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1572. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether, with reference to her replies to questions 696 and 697 on 23 March 2021, she will furnish Dr M M Gondwe with a breakdown of the total number of implicated public service employees in each government department; if not, why not; if so, on what date;

(2) by what date will the outstanding investigations be concluded;

(3) whether the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) will be soliciting any assistance from any other government agencies in an effort to expedite the finalisation and/or conclusion of the investigations; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, who will SASSA solicit assistance from? NW1778E

**REPLY:**

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| **Name of Department** | **Number of employees** |
| Agriculture And Rural Development | 1 |
| Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development | 4 |
| Cooperative Governance And Traditional Affairs | 2 |
| Correctional Services | 2 |
| Culture Sport And Recreation | 1 |
| Economic Development Environment Conservation &Tourism | 13 |
| Education | 75 |
| Health | 71 |
| Justice And Constitutional Development | 3 |
| Offices Of The Premier | 7 |
| Police | 1 |
| Public Works | 7 |
| Public Works and Infrastructure | 1 |
| Roads And Public Works | 1 |
| SANDF | 1 |
| Social Development | 5 |
| South African National Biodiversity Institute | 1 |
| Statistics South Africa | 1 |
| Transport | 45 |

1. The following Table shows the breakdown of implicated public service employees in each government department
2. The target date for the conclusion of the outstanding investigations is March 2022.
3. SASSA wrote to the Heads of the affected Departments on 1 April 2021. The 19 departments that have been listed in the response to question 1 have been approached to assist with the recovery of the monies that were paid and the disciplinary process.

SASSA has also elicited the assistance of the Department of Public Service and Administration.

The matter of government employees who benefitted from Covid 19 relief funds is also being investigated by the Fusion Centre.