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**1578. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to the procurement of personal protective equipment (PPE) for early childhood development centres (ECDs) and programmes by her department, (a) what are the details of the qualifying criteria for ECDs to receive the procured PPEs, (b) how will the procured PPEs be allocated to ECDs across the Republic and (c) by what date will ECDs receive the procured PPEs?NW1961E

**REPLY:**

1. The ECD programmes that qualify to receive PPEs are those both registered and unfunded; and unregistered ECD programmes that are located in poor communities and serve children from poor households
2. Funding has been repurposed from the existing conditional grant allocation and each provincial Department of Social Development will source from their local cooperatives and Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) for the procurement of PPEs
3. The procurement process will take 4-6 weeks and already started the process on 29 June 2020. Expected delivery is mid-August 2020.