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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1628. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In view of the Social Assistance Act, Act 13 of 2004, making provision for a SA Social Security Agency caregiver, such as a parent, grandparent or any other adult person, to receive a Child Support Grant (CSG) for up to six children, what (a) support does her department provide to caregivers who have more than six children in their care who qualify for the CSG and (b) number of caregivers in each province have reached the threshold of six children receiving a CSG? NW1954E

**REPLY:**

1. The following are the programmes in place that the Department provides to caregivers of CSG beneficiaries with more than six children:

* Participation and inclusion in Expanded Public Works Programme, poverty Alleviation Programme and Food Security.
* Parenting programmes to empower caregivers on parenting skills.

(b) The number of care givers who have 6 children in their care, for whom they receive the Child Support Grant are indicated below:

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| **Caregivers with 6 children by Province (Not biological parents)** | | |
| **Region** | **No of care givers** | **Grand Total** |
| Eastern Cape | 336 | **336** |
| Free State | 62 | **62** |
| Gauteng | 92 | **92** |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 431 | **431** |
| Limpopo | 137 | **137** |
| Mpumalanga | 92 | **92** |
| Northern Cape | 64 | **64** |
| North West | 110 | **110** |
| Western Cape | 49 | **49** |
| **Grand Total** | **1 373** | **1 373** |