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**Deputy Minister \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**1634. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) With regard to the additional social workers, (a) how have the 1 089 social workers been deployed, (b) in which provinces are they delivering services, (c) under which national and/or provincial services and (d) who is paying their salaries;

(2) whether she will provide Ms L L van der Merwe with a table showing the numbers distributed across the different geographical areas, agencies and services; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the further relevant details? NW2020E

**REPLY:**

1 (a) Social Workers have been recruited from the social work graduate database. The deployment of Social Workers has been informed by the possible risk of the spread of the virus, the vastness and geographical spread of provinces, the population size and density in the province and the number of service offices.

(b) Provincial Departments of Social Development in Limpopo, Gauteng, North West, Mpumalanga, Free State, KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape.

(c) Social Workers have been appointed under the Victim Empowerment and Prevention of Gender Based Violence Programme.

(d) The National Department of Social Development is paying their salaries.

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| (2) Province | Allocation per province | Total Social Workers employed |
| Northern Cape | 33 | 32 |
| Eastern Cape | 171 | 175 |
| Western Cape | 0 | The provincial department declined the allocation of social workers and didn’t participate in the process. |
| Limpopo | 116 | 116 |
| Free State | 92 | 92 |
| Mpumalanga | 128 | 113 |
| North West | 81 | 81 |
| Gauteng | 676 | 160 |
| KZN | 266 | 268 |
| **Total** | **1809** | **1037** |

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**Approved by the Minister of Social Development**

**Date……………………….**