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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1694. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What is the total number of social workers who (a) graduated in 2020 and (b) have been absorbed by her department in each province in each case;

(2) What (a) are the monthly costs to employ one social worker and (b) is their monthly salary in each province in each case;

(3) What is the total number of vacancies for social workers in each province? NW1903E

**REPLY:**

1. (a) The total number of social workers who graduated in 2020 is **284**.

(b)

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| No of Social Workers absorbed | 2020-2021 |
| Gauteng | 86 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 150 |
| Northern Cape | 53 |
| Mpumalanga | 128 |
| Limpopo | 180 |
| North West | 13 |
| Free State | 92 |
| Western Cape | 118 |
| Eastern Cape | 128 |
| **TOTAL** | **948** |

1. (a) The monthly salary of a Social Worker is R29 408, 42 at an entry level (inclusive of service benefits).

(b) The monthly salary is R29 408, 42 which is the same across provinces (inclusive of service benefits).

1. The number of vacancies for social workers:

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| Province | Vacancies |
| Gauteng | 356 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 155 |
| Northern Cape | 158 |
| Mpumalanga | 72 |
| Limpopo | 5 |
| North West | 178 |
| Free State | 117 |
| Western Cape | 313 |
| Eastern Cape | 136 |