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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1706**

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**1706. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) total number of public participation inputs was received by her department on amendments to the Social Assistance Act, Act 13 of 2004, regarding the Social Relief of Distress Grant and (b) was the time frame provided by her department for the specified inputs on changes in legislation? NW2033E

**REPLY:**

In total (11) inputs were received from various organisations and individuals which included the following: South African Institute for Race Relations, BlackSash, Institute for Economic Justice, Children’s Institute, Stellenbosch University, Banking Association of South Africa, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, Department of Social Development Western Cape, Centre for Applied Legal Studies (WITS), Mr. T Brink and Mr. T Maphabela.

(b) The regulations were published on 22 February 2022 with a closing date of 13 March 2022.