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**1707. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Whether she can provide Ms L L van der Merwe with a detailed list of the locations of the 22 shelters in the North West, which were referred to in her department's presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Social Development on Wednesday, 30 October 2019; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW3106E**

**REPLY:**

Department of Social Development (DSD) plays a leadership role to facilitate the establishment, coordination, and the implementation of the shelters/safe spaces for all victims of crime and violence.

Furthermore, the Department forms part of the Justice, Crime Prevention and Security (JCPS) Cluster that has been given an important mandate to implement strategies and programmes that contribute towards priority 5 (social cohesion and safe communities) of the sixth government administration.

Is it therefore critical to note that due to the nature and sensitivity of the services rendered to victims of crime and violence, the Department is not in a position to provide the location of the shelters/safe houses/crisis centres since their safety is paramount.

Attached is Annexure A: Database for shelters/safe houses/ crisis centres.