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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1840**

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**1840. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) What total number of young adults who have aged out of the child support grant, but who remain in high school, (i) have applied for the COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant of R350, (ii) are currently receiving the specified grant, (iii) have been declined the grant and (iv) have an appeal pending in respect of the SRD grant and (b)(i) how is her department and/or the SA Social Security Agency directly assisting such young adults with their SRD application once the child support grant lapses and (ii) what is the breakdown for each (aa) province, (bb) gender and (cc) age group?

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**REPLY:**

(a)(i)-(iv) read with (b)(ii)(aa)(bb) and (cc)

a SASSA does not have records of previous beneficiaries who have exited from the system due to age but remain in the school system, and therefore is not able to answer the question in the current form.

Table 1 below reflects the number of Child Support Grants (CSG) that lapsed due to the child turning 18 during the 2022/23 financial year.

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| **TABLE: 1****TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS WHO AGED OUT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GRANT IN THE FY2022/23** |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Region** | **Female** | **Male** | **Grand Total** |  |  |  |  |
| EC | 56393 | 56661 | 113054 |  |  |  |  |
| FS | 20320 | 20437 | 40757 |  |  |  |  |
| GP | 53093 | 52030 | 105123 |  |  |  |  |
| KZN | 84149 | 83401 | 167550 |  |  |  |  |
| LIM | 48162 | 47783 | 95945 |  |  |  |  |
| MP | 31782 | 31771 | 63553 |  |  |  |  |
| NC | 8704 | 8716 | 17420 |  |  |  |  |
| NW | 24286 | 23995 | 48281 |  |  |  |  |
| WC | 27139 | 25966 | 53105 |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | **354028** | **350760** | **704788** |  |  |  |  |

a(i) Table 2, shows the number of CSG beneficiaries whose CSG lapsed, thereafter applied for COVID-19 SRD during the 2022/23 financial year.

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| **TABLE: 2****TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS WHO AGED OUT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GRANT AND APPLIED FOR COVID-19 SRD**  |
|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Province** | **Female** | **Male** | **Grand Total** |  |  |  |  |
| EC | 30002 | 28408 | 58410 |  |  |  |  |
| FS | 12236 | 11865 | 24101 |  |  |  |  |
| GP | 40731 | 34222 | 74953 |  |  |  |  |
| KZN | 53196 | 54586 | 107782 |  |  |  |  |
| LIM | 36403 | 34346 | 70749 |  |  |  |  |
| MP | 24056 | 23367 | 47423 |  |  |  |  |
| NC | 4674 | 4277 | 8951 |  |  |  |  |
| NW | 15213 | 14509 | 29722 |  |  |  |  |
| WC | 17055 | 13106 | 30161 |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | **233566** | **218686** | **452252** |  |  |  |  |

a(i&ii) Table 3 indicates the number of young adults who aged out of the CSG, applied and were approved for COVID-19 SRD during the 2022/23 financial year.

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| **TABLE: 3****TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS WHO AGED OUT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GRANT AND WERE APPROVED FOR COVID-19 SRD** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Province** | **Female** | **Male** | **Grand Total** |
| EC | 22,029 | 21,759 | 43,788 |
| FS | 9,203 | 9,238 | 18,441 |
| GP | 26,915 | 24,362 | 51,277 |
| KZN | 38,154 | 39,987 | 78,141 |
| LIM | 23,741 | 24,391 | 48,132 |
| MP | 16,249 | 16,871 | 33,120 |
| NC | 3,265 | 3,168 | 6,433 |
| NW | 11,219 | 11,219 | 22,438 |
| WC | 10,794 | 9,118 | 19,912 |
| **Grand Total** | **161,569** | **160,113** | **321,682** |

a(iii) Table 4 highlights the number of young adults who aged out of the CSG, applied and were approved for COVID-19 SRD during the 2022/23 financial year and, declined and appeal status for the COVID-19 SRD during the 2022/23 financial year.

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| **TABLE 4****TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS WHO AGED OUT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GRANT AND WERE DECLINED FOR COVID-19 SRD** |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Province** | **Female** | **Male** | **Grand Total** |  |  |  |  |
| EC | 4,715 | 3,563 | 8,278 |  |  |  |  |
| FS | 1,563 | 1,273 | 2,836 |  |  |  |  |
| GP | 7,969 | 5,503 | 13,472 |  |  |  |  |
| KZN | 8,052 | 6,918 | 14,970 |  |  |  |  |
| LIM | 6,705 | 5,144 | 11,849 |  |  |  |  |
| MP | 4,431 | 3,634 | 8,065 |  |  |  |  |
| NC | 833 | 624 | 1,457 |  |  |  |  |
| NW | 2,105 | 1,655 | 3,760 |  |  |  |  |
| WC | 4,041 | 2,586 | 6,627 |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | **40,414** | **30,900** | **71,314** |  |  |  |  |

a(iv) Table 5 portrays the number of young adults who aged out of the CSG, appealed after being declined for COVID-19 SRD during the 2022/23 financial year and their appeals are still pending.

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| **TABLE: 5****TOTAL NUMBER OF YOUNG ADULTS WHO AGED OUT OF THE CHILD SUPPORT GRANT AND ARE PENDING APPEAL FOR COVID-19 SRD**  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Province** | **Female** | **Male** | **Grand Total** |  |  |  |  |
| EC | 722 | 411 | 1,133 |  |  |  |  |
| FS | 264 | 190 | 454 |  |  |  |  |
| GP | 1,301 | 890 | 2,191 |  |  |  |  |
| KZN | 1,168 | 841 | 2,009 |  |  |  |  |
| LIM | 1,284 | 1,019 | 2,303 |  |  |  |  |
| MP | 851 | 677 | 1,528 |  |  |  |  |
| NC | 77 | 77 | 154 |  |  |  |  |
| NW | 358 | 261 | 619 |  |  |  |  |
| WC | 497 | 264 | 761 |  |  |  |  |
| **Grand Total** | **6,522** | **4,630** | **11,152** |  |  |  |  |

(b)(i) Due to the vastly different criteria between the COVID-19 SRD and the CSG, there is no direct link between the two provisions. Thus, a new application needs to be taken for the COVID-19 SRD following the lapsing of the CSG. However, the provision, is one of the easiest to apply for.

The Department and SASSA continue to engage in media campaigns from time-to-time to inform beneficiaries and the public about the application processes including eligibility requirements to promote the provision.