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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1968. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What is the total number of (a) applications for the Special COVID-19 Social Relief of Distress grant that (i) have been received to date since the grant was extended and reopened for new applications and (ii) were successful and (b) persons who have been paid to date and (c) appeals that remain outstanding from the first round of applications? NW2201E

**REPLY:**

The application channels were re-opened on 6 August 2021.

(a)(i) As at 25 August 2021, a total of 11 237 724 complete applications have been received.

1. The validations of these applications is still underway. However, as at 25 August 2021, a total of 1 914 538 applications have been approved.

(b) A total of 282 598 have been paid to 25 August. Payments will continue to be made until 31 August, by which time we expect to reach 6 million payments.

(c) The total number of grants approved on appeal which are still outstanding from the first cycle of this grant is 1 425 (Note: this refers to the numbers of grants to be paid, not the number of beneficiaries, as one beneficiary may have the grant approved for more than one month)