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**199. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) total number of SA Social Security Agency doctors are available to service the residents of (i) Hantam Local Municipality and (ii) Karoo Hoogland Local Municipality and (b) was the doctor-patient ratio to the total number of persons examined in each town in December 2020 for disability grants in Hantam Local Municipality? NW202E

**REPLY:**

1. During December 2020, there was a total of 13 doctors to conduct medical assessments for SASSA clients. These doctors were utilised at a ratio of 40 clients per doctor per session. As from January 2021, this number has increased to 28 doctors in the province, and the maximum number of clients each doctor can attend to in a single session has been increased to 80.
2. The doctors are not confirmed to a single district municipality, but are allocated to specific areas as and when required.
3. A total of 108 assessments were done in December 2020 in Hantam local municipality as follows:

Calvinia 28

Brandvlei 20

Niewoudville 21

Williston 26

Fraserburg 13