

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**DUE TO PARLIAMENT: FRIDAY, 9 JUNE 2023**

**“2009. Mr D F Mthenjane (EFF) to ask the Minister of Small Business Development:**

**What total number of (a) spaza shops in the Republic were affected by the failure of the Small Enterprise Finance Agency to disburse the full R10 500 to its intended beneficiaries and (b) beneficiaries have received their payments to date in each province?”NW2271E**

**REPLY:**

**I have been advised as follows:**

1. As at 30 April 2023, the total outstanding Spaza Shops Support Programme (SSSP) beneficiaries who had not yet received the additional R7 000 grant were 504 nationally. During the month of May 2023, 426 beneficiaries of SSSP received their additional R7 000, and this has been confirmed with Nedbank. This means that to date only 78 beneficiaries are yet to receive their additional R7000 grant and the process to disburse these funds is underway.
2. Provincial breakdown of SSSP performance

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| **Spaza Shop Support Programme Provincial budget allocation** | | | | | | | |
| **Province** | **SPAZAS & General Dealers Per Province** | **Budget Rands** | **No . of approvals R3500** | **No . of approvals R10500** | **No. of top ups R7000** | **Amount committed to Spazas (R)** | **Budget balance (R)** |
| **Total EC** | **3 200** | **11 222 445** | 716 | 44 | 662 | 7 602 000 | 3 620 445 |
| **Total FS** | **1 430** | **5 015 030** | 232 | 107 | 205 | 3 370 500 | 1 644 530 |
| **Total GP** | **5 370** | **18 832 665** | 322 | 375 | 299 | 7 157 500 | 11 675 165 |
| **Total KZN** | **5 000** | **17 535 070** | 2473 | 269 | 2256 | 27 272 000 | - 9 736 930 |
| **Total LP** | **2 690** | **9 433 868** | 1224 | 121 | 1125 | 13 429 500 | - 3 995 632 |
| **Total MP** | **2 110** | **7 399 800** | 197 | 71 | 157 | 2 534 000 | 4 865 800 |
| **Total NC** | **840** | **2 945 892** | 72 | 48 | 70 | 1 246 000 | 1 699 892 |
| **Total NW** | **1 840** | **6 452 906** | 105 | 30 | 88 | 1 298 500 | 5 154 406 |
| **Total WC** | **2 470** | **8 662 325** | 99 | 55 | 74 | 1 442 000 | 7 220 325 |
| **TOTAL** | **24 950** | **87 500 000** | **5 440** | **1 120** | **4 936** | **65 352 000** | **22 148 000** |

It should be noted that the 426 beneficiaries that received the additional R7 000 in May 2023 are yet to be added to **sefa**LAS (**sefa**’s loan electronic system). The system periodically runs updates and the updated information should be available by mid-June 2023.