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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2173. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What total number of homeless (a) adults and (b) children are recorded within the Republic (i) at night shelters and (ii) living on the street in each province as at the latest specified date for which information is available? NW2579E

**REPLY:**

It is important for the Honourable to note many of the homeless people are in and out of shelters, which serve as the point of contact. While there is no national database on homelessness, the table below gives a provincial data on homeless people accessing services at the time of replying to the question:

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|  Province |  (a) |  (b) |  (i) |  (ii) |
|  | Adults | Children | Night shelters | Street living |
| Limpopo | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Free State | 199 | 44 | 243 | 74 |
| Eastern Cape | 161 | 0 | 161 | 0 |
| Gauteng | 1949 | 98 | 2047 | 0 |
| Mpumalanga | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| KZN | 602 | 0 | 602 | 0 |
| Western Cape | 2308 bed spaces | 41 | 2308 bed spaces41 children | 764 |
| North West | 8 | 51 | 59 | 721 |
| Northern Cape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |