**2331. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Labour:**

**Whether she has found it to be adequate and reasonable for her department to only provide 70,402 work seekers with counselling, considering that more than five million South Africans are unemployed? NW2692E**

**The Minister of Labour Replied:**

During the last financial year the Department’s Counsellors provided employment counselling as follows:

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| **Prov.**  | **Target** | **Actual**  | **Variance** |
| Eastern Cape | 29796 | 40210 | 10414 |
| Free State | 18336 | 25552 | 7216 |
| Gauteng  | 43548 | 41682 | -1866 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 25212 | 31527 | 6315 |
| Limpopo | 22920 | 22793 | -127 |
| Mpumalanga | 25212 | 30146 | 4934 |
| Northern Cape | 16012 | 17564 | 1552 |
| North West | 20628 | 21714 | 1086 |
| Western Cape | 18336 | 15556 | -2780 |
| **TOTAL** | 220000 | 246744 | 26744 |

Given the available resources the Department set the target for counselling at 220,000 for the 2014/2015 year but achieved 246,744, exceeding the target by 26744.