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**2432. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to the old age centre in Podimoe Location in Taung in the North West, which was completed three years ago but has not been occupied and remains a white elephant with some social workers appointed and not doing anything on a daily basis, (a) on what date is it envisaged that her department will open the old age centre, (b) what total amount did the centre cost her department and (c)(i) what total number of social workers are currently working from the specified centre and (ii) for how long?NW2859E

**REPLY:**

1. The province does not have a date as yet for the opening of the old age centre in Podimoe Location in Taung. The actual date of opening is dependant on the following which are still pending:

* Appointment of a Nursing Manager and other nursing personnel
* Delivery of furniture in accordance with the norms and standards
* Registration of the facility in terms of the provisions of the Older Persons Act 13 of 2006.

Once the province has conclude on the above upon which it is working on, the old age home will be opened.

1. The total amount that the centre cost her department was R 73, 064 777.10

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| (c) | (i) | 3 Social Workers. They are currently delivering statutory services at community level. |
|  | (ii) | The Social Workers have been delivering statutory services at community level from 2017/2018 financial year to date. |