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**2758.   Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development: *[Interdepartmentally transferred from Basic Education with effect Monday, 12 September 2022]***

What total number of the (a) 309 453 children who received foster care grants in the 2020-21 financial year, (b) 154 735 children in the 2019-20 financial year, (c) 386 019 children in the 2018-19 financial year, (d) 416 016 children in the 2017-18 financial year and (e) 440 295 children in the 2016-17 financial year (i) are enrolled in (aa) primary and (bb) high school and (ii) attend school regularly?                    NW3342E

**REPLY:**

This is a matter that will henceforth receive the Department’s attention. So far, the Department has been collaborating with the Department of Basic Education to enable the child support grant beneficiaries who are in grade 12 to access the support that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme avails. The Department is also developing a policy on linking recipients of child grants to other government services and, once completed, this will create the momentum for such information to be collected and reported.