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

What is the (a) total number of social workers at (i) national and (ii) provincial level who are dedicated field officers to assist homeless persons in the Republic and (b) family and/or society reintegration success rate over the past five years? NW284E

**REPLY:**

(a)(i) No Social Workers are specifically dedicated to perform these activities at National level. This is part of the functions provided by the Families unit at national level.

(ii) No Social Workers are specifically dedicated to perform these activities at Provincial level. Social workers perform comprehensive basket of services of which homelessness is one of them. Provinces are subsidising NGOs to provide services to homeless people

(b) Family and/or society reintegration success rate over the past five years.

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| **Province** | **Family and/or society reintegration over the past five years** |
| Eastern Cape | 2 555 people benefited from reintegration services |
| Limpopo | 74 people benefited from reintegration services, only 3 individuals are still in the shelter for homeless |
| Northern Cape | 1 003 persons benefited from reintegration services |
| Western Cape | 3 031 people benefited from reintegration services |
| Free State | 902 people were reintegrated with their families |
| Gauteng | 583 beneficiaries from permanent funded shelters were reunified with their families |
| Kwazulu-Natal | 3 940 people were reintegrated with their families |
| North West | 231 people benefited from reintegration services |

*(These are responses received from some provinces, others have not responded as yet.)*