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**2812. Ms S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What total amount has been allocated to each province for the provision of Early Childhood Development (ECD) services in the (a) 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15 financial years;

(2) are there any memoranda of understanding between her and the (a) Minister of Basic Education and (b) Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs with regard to the specified ECD services;

(3) how often has her department engaged in the supervision of all ECD centers to ensure that they comply with requisite norms and standards? NW3284E

**Reply:**

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| **PROVINCE** | **FINANCIAL YEAR** | **ALLOCATED BUDGET R’000** |
| Eastern Cape | 2013/14 | R188, 753,400 |
| 2014/15 | R 173,621,000 |
| Gauteng | 2013/14 | R284, 000.000 |
| 2014/15 | R 321, 870,000 |
| Limpopo | 2013/14 | R240, 000.000 |
| 2014/15 | R227, 000,000 |
| North West | 2013/14 | R55,000.000 |
| 2014/15 | R 54,330,000 |
| Northern  Cape | 2013/14 | R71, 026.000 |
| 2014/15 | R76,030,000 |
| Western  Cape | 2013/14 | R282,927,000 |
| 2014/15 | R231, 581,000 |
| Free State | 2013/14 | R161.541.000 |
| 2014/15 | R175, 498,000 |
| Mpumalanga | 2013/14 | R185, 296. 320 |
| 2014/15 | R192 ,283,000 |
| Kwazulu  Natal | 2013/14 | R211, 333.000 |
| 2014/15 | R219, 108,000 |

**2.** The Department of Social Development does not have any memoranda of Understanding with both the Departments. What is in place are the Terms of Reference, agreed upon among the Interdepartmental Committee for ECD which includes the departments mentioned in the question. The South African Integrated Programme of Action for ECD: Moving Ahead was approved by Cabinet on 18 September 2013, which outlines the roles and responsibilities of all Departments that deals with ECD issues.

**3.** According to the Children’s Act 38 of 2005, the provincial head of social development must conduct inspections at the prescribed intervals of partial care facilities in the province to enforce the provisions of this Act. Each province conducts monitoring of ECD centres on a quarterly basis, based on their targets for the quarter.