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

What is the current status of government-run night shelters in each province with regard to (a) the total number of shelters, (b) bed space capacity and (c) government funding allocation for the past five financial years? NW285E

**REPLY:**

The Free State Province has 5 shelters for gender based violence and 1 safe house (white door). Their bed capacity and funding is detailed below:

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| NAME OF THE SHELTER | TOWN | BED CAPACITY | FUNDING OVER  5 YEARS | COMMENTS |
| Goldfields Family Advice Organization | Welkom | 16 | R 1 927 242 | Funded over 4 years |
| Phelononofa Shelter | Bothaville | 28 | R 3 183 783 | Funded over 4 years |
| Wepener Shelter(Child Welfare SA) | Wepener | 10 | R 3 641 978 | Funded over 3 years |
| Child Welfare SA (shelter) | Bethlehem | 8 | R 1 878 939 | Funded over 4 years |
| Thusanang Advice Centre | QwaQwa | 10 | R 2 375 363 | Funded over 5 years |
| NAME OF THE SHELTER | TOWN | BED CAPACITY | FUNDING OVER  5 YEARS | COMMENTS |
| Tumahole Victim Support shelter | Parys | 10 | R 8 28927 | Funded over 3 years and a quarter due to non-compliance they could not be funded for the remaining 3 quarters |

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| WHITE DOOR | | | | |
| NAME OF THE SHELTER | TOWN | BED CAPACITY | FUNDING OVER  5 YEARS | COMMENTS |
| Reaphela Safe House | Bloemfontein | 10 | R1  336 404 | Provides safety for 72 hours yet there cases when victims stays longer |
| Total | 6 | 81 | R 14343 709 |  |

**Western Cape**

(a) The Western Cape Department of Social Development has zero government-run night shelters

(b) Western Cape Social Development subsidize 2031 bed spaces to 32 NPO Homeless shelters.

(c) 20/21 – R26, 156 million

19/20 – R20, 205 million

18/19 – R19, 397 million

17/18 – R18, 621 million

16/17 – R17, 876 million

**Northern Cape**

a) There are no Government-run night Shelters in the Northern Cape Province.

The focus is on locating families of persons on the street and focussing on family re-unification programs.

Children on the street are assisted as prescribed in the Children’s Act 37 of 2005, Chapter 9

b) Not applicable

c) Not applicable

**Gauteng**

The Gauteng Department of Social Development does not have Government run ‘Night Shelters’.  However, the Department provides NPO funding and monitors Shelters for Homeless and Shelters for Women that operates 24 hours and is not specifically a ‘Night Shelter’.

**Limpopo**

(a) There are two shelters one run by government and one privately run

b) Huis Maroela in Phalaborwa with a bed capacity of 10 and Khuseleka One Stop Centre in

Polokwane with a bed capacity of 40.

c)

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| Funding allocation in the past 5 years | | | | |
| 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
| R 4 800 000 | R 7 746 000 | R3 718 000 | R4 947 000 | R4 467 000 |
| Huis Maroela | | | | |
| R 317 500 | R 317 500 | R317 500 | R317 500 | R317 500 |

**North West**

1. There are two (2) shelters in the province of which one (1) is state run and the other is NPO run.

(b) Bed space capacity

State-run = 40

NPO-run = 30

(c) Government funding allocation for the past five financial years?

* State – run = The state-run was taken over from NPO management in 2019 and received R1 900 000 for operational cost and R 5.7m. Prior to 2019 the facility was run by an NPO for
* NPO-run = For the past five years, the NPO received a funding of, R900 000 for 2016/17, R870 000 for 2017/18, R1 000 000 for 2018/19 and R 1 200 000 for 2019/20 R1 300 000 for 2020/21 for rendering the Victim Support Services.
* Funded NPO-run crisis centres

2016/17 : 10 130 000 (24 centres)

2017/18 : 10 869 000 (22 centres)

2018/19 : 12 488 955 (22 centres)

2019/20 : 18 094 000 (20)

2020/21: 18 656 000 (20)

**Eastern Cape**

1. The total number of shelters,

Currently there are 4 shelters for homeless people that are still operational in the province which are located in Buffalo City Metro, Sarah Baartman and Nelson Mandela Metro. This number has dropped from a total of 42 shelters across the province during the Level 5 Covid 19 Lockdown.

1. Bed space capacity

The total bed capacity of the current shelters

is 171.

1. Government funding allocation for the past

five financial years?

There was no government funding during the past 5 years as all shelters for homeless people were established during the Covid 19 Lockdown which came into effect during the 2020/21 financial year. Shelters were established to accommodate homeless people and assist them to comply with the Lockdown Regulations.