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**2997. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

Of the 99 047 food parcels distributed by her department, 147 205 by the SA Social Security Agency and 220 674 by the Solidarity Fund during the national lockdown to curb the spread of COVID-19, (a) what total number of recipients of the specified food parcels were (i) older persons, (ii) persons with disabilities and (iii) child-headed households in each province and (b) are there signed registers to confirm that food parcels were received by the three specified categories of recipients? NW3825E

**REPLY:**

(a) The detailed beneficiary list of food parcels recipients including all the categories enquired about (i) older persons, (ii) persons with disabilities and (iii) child-headed households to which some are combination of the above categories; in each province are kept by provinces and SASSA where food parcels distribution is delivered. All beneficiaries of the relief signed as acknowledgement of receipt upon collection of food parcels. It is important to note that the Department of Social Development partnered with Solidarity Fund so this was not a Solidarity Fund project.

(b) The officials keep the portfolio of evidence in the form of signed registers for all reported food parcels to confirm that food parcels were received by the reported recipients.