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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**303. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What (a) is the total number of towns that do not have a physical SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) access point or office in the Northern Cape and (b) will she furnish Mrs G Opperman with a list of the specified towns;

(2) what are the reasons that Loeriesfontein in the Hantam Local Municipality does not have a SASSA office despite many beneficiaries living there? NW307E

**REPLY:**

1(a) currently, there are Seven (7) towns that do not have a physical SASSA access point or office in the Northern Cape**.**

(b) These are Okiep, Concordia, Nababeep, Carolusberg, Matjieskloof, Fonteintjie and Kleinzee

**2.** Loeriesfontein is a small town with a population of 2 744 people (Census 2011) and 855 social grant beneficiaries. The town is serviced by the Niewoudtville SASSA Local office staff who visit the area on a weekly basis. On average, 10 -15 people visit the SASSA office per week therefore the weekly visits by the Niewoudtville local office staff is sufficient to take care of the needs of the people of Loeriesfontein.