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**3070. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

In light of recent reports that there are more than 14 000 homeless persons in Cape Town, what kind of intervention has her department offered to assist homeless women and children in particular? NW3900E

**REPLY:**

All women and children are assessed and provided with psychosocial support and social relief if needed. Part of the process is also to try and reunify them with their families.

During lockdown, the Western Cape Department of Social Development established a 60 bed family shelter, specifically focusing on single women/parents and their children that are homeless. The Department is planning on expanding it to 90 bed spaces by the end of March 2021.