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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**3149. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What (a) total number of persons have unduly benefited from receiving social grants through fraud and/or corruption in the past 10 years and (b) is the breakdown of the number in each year;

(2) what (a) amount was stolen by the individuals who unduly benefited from social grants in the past 10 years and (b) is the breakdown of the amount in each year? NW3859E

**REPLY:**

**(1) a)** For the period referred to in the parliamentary question from **2012/2013** to **2021/2022** financial year, **1174** persons were suspected to have unduly benefited from the social grant system leading to cases referred to law enforcement.

**b)The breakdown of the number of persons who unduly benefited**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No  | Year | Beneficiaries  | Officials  | Money Lenders | Other  |
| 1 | 2021/22 | - | 50 | - | - |
| 2 | 2020/21 | 17 | 20 | - | - |
| 3 | 2019/20 |  83 | 16 | 3 |  |
| 4 | 2018/19 |  73 |  52 |  | 1 CPS Official6 Public Works Officials5 Former SASSA Officials |
| 5 | 2017/18 |  38 | 195  | 53 | 7 private person 1 CPS |
| 6 | 2016/17 |  1 |  22 | - | 3 Private Persons |
| 7 | 2015/16 |  9 |  337 |  | 5 Doctors5 Private persons3 Former SASSA Officials |
| 8 | 2014/15 |  - |  3 | 64 | 16 Private Persons2 CPS Officials  |
| 9 | 2013/14 |  - |  56 | - |  |
| 10 | 2012/13 |  - | 10  | - | 03 Former SASSA Official15 Agents/Tout |
|  | Subtotal  | 221 | 761 | 120 |  72 Private persons |
|  | **TOTAL** | **1174** |

**2** a**)** The total potential loss is projected at R536 683 179.12**.** Some of the cases are not yet finalised to come to full determination of the actual loss.

**b)** The breakdown of potential loss in each year

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No  | Year | Potential Loss | Budget Amount | Loss as a % |
| 1 | 2021/2022 | R 23 141 386.15 |  R 221,716,422,608.00  | 0.010% |
| 2 | 2020/2021 | R 8 554 573.60 |  R 195,516,422,608.00  | 0.004% |
| 3 | 2019/2020 | R 6 861 156.50 |  R 175,155,593,000.00  | 0.004% |
| 4 | 2018/2019 | R 215 402 889.89 |  R 162,960,723,000.00  | 0.132% |
| 5 | 2017/2018 | R 6 886 687.94 |  R 151,580,232,000.00  | 0.005% |
| 6 | 2016/2017 | R 75 085 055.62 |  R 140,498,691,000.00  | 0.053% |
| 7 | 2015/2016 | R 14 712 807.44 |  R 129,818,278,000.00  | 0.011% |
| 8 | 2014/2015 | R 59 203 282.32 |  R 120,952,101,000.00  | 0.049% |
| 9 | 2013/2014 | R 109 949 555.00 |  R 113,006,841,000.00  | 0.097% |
| 10 | 2012/2013 | R 16 885 784.66 |  R 104,887,916,000.00  | 0.002% |
| Total | **R 536 683 179.12** |  **R 1,516,093,220,216.00**  | **0.034%** |