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

(1) What is the current stage of the electronic monitoring tool which has a warning system that her department is said to develop in order to alert social workers when foster care orders are due to lapse;

(2) On what date will the development of the electronic monitoring tool be (a) completed and (b) implemented;

 (3) What are the costs of the electronic monitoring tool to her department ;

 (4) What is the name of the service provider who has been awarded the contract to develop the electronic monitoring tool? NW35E

**REPLY:**

1. The National Office developed and trained the provinces on web-based Foster Care Monitoring Tool by March 2019. The National Office completed the hand over stage of the monitoring tool in April 2019 for implementation by provinces.
2. (a) The development of the web-based Foster Care Monitoring Tool was completed in March 2019.

(b) According to the National plan, provinces are to implement the monitoring tool. Provinces started implementation from April 2019.

1. There were no specific cost implications for the development of the web-based Foster Care Monitoring Tool as the Department utilised the existing resources.
2. The web-based Foster Care Monitoring Tool was developed within the Department, thus no service provider was appointed.