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**3207. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What total number of field social workers, excluding supervisors and managers, have been employed by her department in each province, to deal with programmes and cases relating to (a) child protection services, (b) substance abuse, (c) older persons, (d) victim empowerment and (e) services to persons with disabilities in each specified financial year in the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2021? NW3930E

It should be noted that where there is no responses, information has not yet been provided by the affected province(s) at the time of responding to this question.

Table 1: Total Number of field Social Workers employed in provincial DSD

| **YEAR** | **PROG** | **PROVINCE** |
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| **EC** | **FS** | **GP** | **KZN** | **L** | **MP** | **NC** | **NW** | **WC** |
| **2016/17** | 1. Child protection Services
 | 180 | 0 | 601 | 853 | 1326 |  |  |  | 472 |
| 1. Substance Abuse
 | 79 | 0 | 264 |  |  |  | 52 |
| 1. Older Persons
 | 154 | 0 | 287 |  |  |  | 52 |
| 1. Victim Empowerment
 | 111 | 0 | 259 |  |  |  | 30 |
| 1. Services to Persons with Disabilities
 | 104 | 0 | 288 |  |  |  |  |
| **2017/18** | a) Child protection Services | 279 | 0 | 601 | 845 | 1458 |  |  |  | 493 |
| b) Substance Abuse | 104 | 1 | 254 |  |  |  | 52 |
| c) Older Persons | 109 | 0 | 289 |  |  |  | 52 |
| d) Victim Empowerment | 142 | 0 | 249 |  |  |  | 30 |
| e) Services to Persons with Disabilities | 107 | 0 | 290 |  |  |  |  |
| **2018/19** | 1. Child protection Services
 | 292 | 2 |  | 851 | 1492 |  |  |  | 526 |
| 1. Substance Abuse
 | 100 | 3 | 255 | 52 |
| 1. Older Persons
 | 119 | 0 | 296 | 52 |
| 1. Victim Empowerment
 | 145 | 0 | 248 | 30 |
| 1. Services to Persons with Disabilities
 | 106 | 0 | 292 |  |
| **2019/20** | 1. Child protection Services
 | 278 | 5 | 601 | 825 | 1472 |  |  |  | 417 |
| 1. Substance Abuse
 | 103 | 2 | 244 | 52 |
| 1. Older Persons
 | 131 | 1 | 270 | 52 |
| 1. Victim Empowerment
 | 139 | 4 | 237 | 30 |
| 1. Services to Persons with Disabilities
 | 105 | 1 | 265 |  |
| **2020/21** | 1. Child protection Services
 | 319 | 0 | 601 | 835 | 1444 |  |  |  | 469 |
| 1. Substance Abuse
 | 98 | 0 |  | 243 | 52 |
| 1. Older Persons
 | 126 | 1 |  | 270 | 52 |
| 1. Victim Empowerment
 | 139 |  |  | 236 | 30 |
| 1. Services to Persons with Disabilities
 | 101 | 1 |  | 265 |  |