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**3208. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What is the total number of (a) child and youth care centres, (b) centres offering diversion programmes for children in conflict with the law, (c) halfway houses and treatment centres, (d) older persons’ residential facilities and service centres and (e) community-based service points that are managed and staffed by her department in each province in each financial year in the period 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2021. NW3931E

**REPLY:**

(a) The Department of Social Development has 29 Child and youth care centres/CYCC for children in conflict with the law that are rendering diversion programmes countrywide. These centres are managed and staffed by each provincial DSD, each financial year in the period 1 April 2016 and 31 March 2021.

(b) There are nine Diversion programmes provided in CYCC for Children in conflict with the law are as follows (Attached Annexure A):

In the mirror programme which addresses sexual offending,

Wakeup call programme that addresses prevention, early intervention, and statutory intervention of substance abuse.

Rhythm of life personal development skills programme that is socialising, encourages and motivates the children to make right choices.

Reverse your thinking that attends to the child in conflict with the law and his/her family to address harm causes by crime by mediation, negotiation, using apology and restoration.

(c) There are 13 public treatment centres and 1 halfway house that are managed and staffed by the Department of Social Development (Attached Annexure B). Currently the Department of Social Development does not have Community Based Service points for substance abuse.

(d) Older persons’ residential facilities and service centres

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| **Financial Years** | **Number of Residential facilities**  | **Number of Service Centres** |
| 2016/2017 | 72 | 164 |
| 2017/2018 | 72 | 167 |
| 2018/2019 | 72 | 158 |
| 2019/2020 | 74 | 155 |
| 2020/2021 | 73 | 155 |