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**3359. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What total number of (a) applications for the R350 Social Relief of Distress grant were declined because of the Grant qualification threshold and (b) appeals were successfully processed in the past year? NW4164E

**REPLY:**

(a) The table below shows the number of declines that relate specifically to the bank account checks that indicates whether or not the applicant has had a flow of funds above the threshold into their bank account relative to the month of assessment.

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| **Period**  **(2022)** | **Total Declined** | **Declined due to bank account checks** |
| April | 3 303 085 | 2 700 752 |
| May | 4 793 365 | 4 030 211 |
| June | 4 390 526 | 3 496 046 |
| July | 5 645 976 | 4 902 655 |
| August | 4 648 389 | 4 358 023 |

(b) The following table provides the number of reconsiderations successfully processed (approved) in the previous year (2021/22).

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| **Month** | **Approved Reconsiderations** |
| August-2021 | 676 236 |
| September-2021 | 496 445 |
| October-2021 | 400 689 |
| November-2021 | 294 649 |
| December-2021 | 211 494 |
| January-2022 | 258 309 |
| February-2022 | 271 176 |
| March-2022 | 215 092 |