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

(1) With regard to the announcement by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, that her department will receive R50 million from the Criminal Assets Recovery Account to strengthen civil society organisations working in the victim empowerment field, (a) which civil society organisations have been earmarked for the specified funding and (b) what amount in funding assistance will each specified organisation receive;

(2) whether she intends to allocate any monetary amount towards the payment of social workers to ensure that no social worker working at a civil society organisation will earn less than the minimum wage? NW1322E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a**)** A call for proposals will be advertised for all Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) in the Victim Empowerment Sector and those that are eligible will be considered. (b) the total amount of R40 million is allocated for transfers to CSOs which render services to victims of crime in all nine provinces. The specific allocation to individual organisation will be determined by the proposals submitted. Furthermore, R5 million is allocated for mentoring and coaching for emerging CSOs in order to build capacity of the small emerging CSOs in under resourced areas such as townships and rural areas and R5 million is for victim empowerment awareness campaign.

(2) The minimum wage of social workers within the COS’s space does not fall within the CARA funding mandate.