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**MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY: PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**FRIDAY, 6 February 2019**

**363. Mrs A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency:**

What proportion of the population is living below R2 per day? NW387E

**REPLY:**

According to the Living Conditions Survey (LCS) conducted in 2014/15 the number of people living below R2 per day, (which translates to about R62 per capita, per month) amounted to 34 700 (in 2015). This translates to 0,1% of the total population in 2015, please see Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Number and proportion of the population by poverty status - 2015**

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| **2015** | | | |
| **Poverty line of R2 per day (R62 per month)** | **No. of people** | **%** |
| Non poor | 54 732 727 | 99,9 |
| Poor | 34 700 | 0,1 |
| **Total** | **54 767 427** | **100,00** |

Source: Living Conditions Survey 2014/15

The LCS is a survey specifically designed to measure poverty and inequality levels as well as living conditions in South Africa. Since the last LCS conducted in 2014/15 there has not been another survey of this nature conducted due to lack of funding.

**Risenga Maluleke**

**Statistician-General**

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