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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**487. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) With regard to the Early Childhood Development (ECD) Stimulus Relief Fund, in each province, what number of (a) early childhood development centers (ECDs) are still awaiting (i) verification and (ii) payment, (b) ECDs have already been paid and (c) ECD employees (i) are still awaiting payment and (ii) have already been paid;

(2) what is the total amount that (a) her department allocated to each province and (b) has been reportedly spent by each province to date? NW552E

**REPLY:**

**(a)(i)** The number of early childhood development centers (ECDs) are still awaiting verifications per province

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| **Province** | **No. of ECD centres still awaiting site verifications** | **No. of ECD centres still awaiting CSD-Bank verifications** |
| **EC** | 287 | 21 |
| **FS** | 14 | 10 |
| **GP** | 2 102 | 1764 |
| **KZN** | 53 | 101 |
| **LP** | 18 | 82 |
| **MP** | 10 | 83 |
| **NC** | 0 | 73 |
| **NW** | 157 | 217 |
| **WC** | The province is in the process of appointing a service provider to assist with site, bank , staff verification as well as duplications, i.e. the work that was previously performed by Data Innovators | The province is in the process of appointing a service provider to assist with site, bank , staff verification as well as duplications, i.e. the work that was previously performed by Data Innovators |
| **TOTAL** | **2 641** | **2 351** |

(a)(ii) The number of early childhood development centers (ECDs) awaiting payments per provinces

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| **Province** | **ECD Programmes** | **Staff** |
| **EC** | 580 | 1 338 |
| **FS** | 58 | 171 |
| **GP** | 613 | 3 267 |
| **KZN** | 390 | 2 757 |
| **LP** | 611 | 1 784 |
| **MP** | 85 | 333 |
| **NC** | 42 | 115 |
| **NW** | 105 | 398 |
| **WC** | 86 | 283 |
| **TOTAL** | **528** | **10 446** |

(b) ECDs already been paid

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| **Province** | **ECD Pogrammes paid** |
| **EC** | 1 899 |
| **FS** | 1 266 |
| **GP** | 2 327 |
| **KZN** | 2 946 |
| **LP** | 2 648 |
| **MP** | 1 138 |
| **NC** | 375 |
| **NW** | 621 |
| **WC** | 1 327 |
| **TOTAL** | **14 547** |

(c) ECD employees are still awaiting payments and employees already paid.

There was total of 115 661 staff members associated with the initial 27 884 applications. This figure reduced to 114 446 staff members due to the following: cancellations, applications becoming incomplete and data cleaning whilst resolving duplications, individuals linked to persal and deceased staff members. The figures above show the payment status of the 114 446 staff members. Of the total applications that have been received, only 13 268 ECD programmes consisting of 61 798 staff members are still outstanding for payments

15 075 ECD programmes consisting of 63 094 staff members was send to province for payment processing. To date, 14 547 ECD programmes with 54 661 staff members have been paid.

It must be noted that out of the 61 798 staff outstanding for payments, there might be a drastic drop as provinces continue with the verifications. Already there are challenges with staff, site and CSD-Bank verifications, untraceable programmes, deceased and the closed ECD centres.

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| **Province** | 1. **ECD employees still waiting payments** | 1. **ECD employees paid** |
| **EC** | 1 338 | 5 307 |
| **FS** | 171 | 5 589 |
| **GP** | 3 267 | 8 900 |
| **KZN** | 2 757 | 10 816 |
| **LP** | 1 784 | 9 136 |
| **MP** | 333 | 5 046 |
| **NC** | 115 | 1 471 |
| **NW** | 398 | 2 594 |
| **WC** | 283 | 5802 |
| **TOTAL** | **10 446** | **54 661** |

(2) The department has received the total of R496 million of which 2% of the total allocation has been taken out for administration and R474 million for implementation of the stimulus package. R264.4 million has been disbursed to provinces. From the R264.4 million, provinces managed to pay R220 342 million. The below table provides a breakdown of the total allocations and the amounts paid.

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| **Province** | **(a) Total amount allocated to each province** | **(b) Total amount reportedly spent by each province** |
| **EC** | R54 370 000 | R22 215 638 |
| **FS** | R32 851 728 | R23 395 584 |
| **GP** | R115 081 512 | R37 255 000 |
| **KZN** | R85 177 000 | R36 805 625 |
| **LP** | R73 732 204 | R38 243 296 |
| **MP** | R36 694 476 | R21 122 556 |
| **NC** | R12 306 840 | R 6 157 606 |
| **NW** | R29 101 072 | R10 859 410 |
| **WC** | R54 711 020 | R24 329 123 |
| **TOTAL** | **R496 000 000** | **R220 342 978** |