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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

In light of the fact that more than half of the struggling educare centres in the Western Cape which applied for the Employment Stimulus Relief Fund are still waiting for much-needed funding, what (a) total number of early childhood development centres have received their payment from the specified fund, (b) was the total cost and (c) total number are still awaiting payment? NW624E

**REPLY:**

(a) A total of 1327 ECD services have received payment as at 23 February 2022.

(b) The total amount paid is R24 287 263,00 to these ECD services

(c) A total of 1 798 ECD service are still awaiting payment which translate to 3125 staff.