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**Minister**

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**Mr K Ndaba**

**DDG: Corporate Support Services**

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**Mr. L Mchunu**

**Acting Director-General: Department of Social Development**

**Date:**

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**Ms H Bogopane- Zulu**

**Deputy Minister**

**Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 562**

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**562. Mrs G Opperman (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What (a) total number of social workers of the SA Council for Social Service Professions have been capacitated in the Northern Cape and (b) was the overall cost of the special training of the 230 social workers to handle adoption services? NW618E

**REPLY:**

 (a) Five (5) Senior Social Workers were trained on the rendering of adoption services - one per District. These officials have also registered with the SACSSP as such. Due to the relatively low number of adoption applications received annually (25 to 30), and the fact that Child Welfare South Africa is also accredited to provide these services in the Northern-Cape, there is no need for more social workers to specialize in this field at the moment.

b) The overall costs of the special training of the 230 social workers to handle adoption services was R 779 200.00 which was paid for by the National Department

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**Approved by the Minister of Social Development**

**Date……………………….**