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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**59. Mrs D van der Walt (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What total number of (a) offenders were registered on the Child Protection Register in each province for the periods (i) 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, (ii) 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018, (iii) 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019, (iv) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 and (v) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 and (b) applications were received through (i) a Form 29 (Annexure B of the Regulations) and (ii) a Form 30 in each province for each period? NW63E

**REPLY:**

1. I would like to first inform the Honourable Member that for any offender’s name to be registered on the Child Protection Register (CPR), the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development through the courts, provides the Department of Social Development with all convictions of all people charged with child abuse, neglect or exploitation.

It is the legislative competence of courts to decide and declare any person unsuitable to work with children. The courts and forums such as the South African Council of Educators (SACE) have an important role in declaring any person unsuitable to work with children based on convictions and disciplinary proceedings.

The breakdown of the number of persons registered on the CPR is as follows:

(i) 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 is 23,

(ii) 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 is 509,

(iii) 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 is 144,

(iv) 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 is 148

(v) 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 is 359 and

(b) Not applicable. Form 29 (Annexure B of the Regulations) and Form 30 applications are received from employers and individuals as per the requirements of the Children’s Act (Act No. 38 of 2005).

The total number of Form 29 and 30s registered on the Child Protection Register are as follows:

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| Period | (b)(i) Form 29 | (b)(ii) Form 30 |
| 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 | **34 721** | **65 440** |
| 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018 | **48 989** | **91 094** |
| 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 | **34 243** | **34 243** |
| 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 | **1 731** | **45 233** |
| 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 | **45 023** | **90 070** |
| Total | **164 707** | **326 080** |