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**678. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) On what date is it envisaged that her department will start the process of establishing new shelters for family units and (b) what criteria will be utilised to identify the (i) location and (ii) province for such shelters? NW753E

**REPLY:**

1. There are no plans to establish new shelters for family units due to the fact that shelter services are integrated. There is no separation of family and individual victims in a shelter. The Department has developed minimum norms and standards for shelters and the intersectoral shelter policy to guide provision of the shelter service. Both guideline and the policy advocates for keeping family together. The set-up of a shelter makes provision in the accommodation arrangements that families are kept together however, all other activities/services are integrated. (Please may we respond to the question-any specific dates for the establishment of the family units shelters?)
2. There is no specific criteria to establish family unit in shelters apart from the shelter minimum norms and standards;
	1. The upcoming shelter establishment will focus on districts without shelters in the country (KwaZulu-Natal, Northern Cape, Limpopo and North West)
	2. KwaZulu-Natal - Zululand, Northern Cape – Namaqua and John Toalo Gaetsewe Districts, Limpopo – Waterberg, Sekhukhune and Vhembe Districts and North West – Dr Kenneth Kaunda and Ngaka Modiri Molema)