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**800. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What (a) is the total number of persons who received (i) SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) grants and (ii) other social grants administered by her department and (b) was the total amount paid out on SASSA and other social grants in the (aa) 2015-16, (bb) 2016-17, (cc) 2017-18, (dd) 2018-19, (ee) 2019-20 financial years;

(2) whether she will make a statement on the matter? NW1003E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i) The total number of grants paid by SASSA is 18,258,883

(ii) There are no social grants directly administered by the Department. All social grants are administered by the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) on behalf of the Department of Social Development in line with the provisions of the Social Assistance Act no. 13 of 2004.

(b) The total amounts paid for social grants by SASSA in each of the financial years is:

1. 2015-16: R127,225,718,470.00
2. 2016-17: R137,752,469,100.00
3. 2017-18: R149,958,272,080.00
4. 2018-19: R161,678,879,150.00
5. 2019-20: R170,894,670,350.00

2. Minister can and does make a statement whenever necessary.