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**940. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) With regard to her department’s role as a vanguard of the most vulnerable during the Covid-19 state of disaster lockdown period, what number of (a) applications for the new social relief grant have been (i) received, (ii) successfully processed and (iii) paid out and (b) foreign nationals have applied for the specified grant;

(2) what number of foreign nationals have accessed food parcels since the Covid-19 state of disaster lockdown was announced at the end of March 2020? NW1229E

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**REPLY:**

1. (a)(i) A total of over 15,7 million applications have been received as at 15 June 2020, of which 6,9 million are complete applications.

(ii) 3, 258 000 have been successfully processed and approved for payment

(iii) 1 094 090 have been paid out as at 15 June 2020

(b) To date, the statistics show that 3,336 refugees and 173,898 permanent residents applied for the grant.

(2) A total of 112 foreign nationals have accessed food parcels through the SASSA SRD programme since the Covid-19 state of disaster lockdown was announced at the end of March 2020.