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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1604. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What (a) was the total cost of the administration fees paid by her department in each province to administer the Early Childhood Development Employment Stimulus Relief Fund (ECD-ESRF) to early childhood development centres since the establishment of the fund and (b) are the names of the civil society organisations that were used to distribute the funds in each province;

(2) whether the administration fee was inclusive of the allocated R380 million paid for the ECD-ESRF; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1810E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) There were no administration fees paid by the department in each province to administer the Early Childhood Development Employment Stimulus Relief Fund (ECD-ESRF) to early childhood development centres since the establishment of the fund. Provision was made in the framework that each province may use a maximum of 2% of their total allocation received under the unemployment risk support for administration which includes capacity to manage this initiative.

1. (b)There were no civil society organisations that were used to distribute the funds in each province. However civil society organisations contracted through the support provided by DG Murray Trust assisted with the application and verification process. The list of civil society organisations as per province is attached.
2. Yes, the administration fee was part of the

R380 million paid for the ECD-ESRF.