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RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTIONS NO. 5 SD072

**With regard to older persons from January 2020 to June 2025,
could the MEC please indicate:**

**(i) How many cases of abuse have been reported to the
department?**

Response

A total of 263 cases were reported to the department by concerned citizens, referrals from NPO, family members and victims themselves.

**(ii) How many cases of abuse of older persons have been
reported to the police?**

Response

The Department of Social Development requests that this question be referred to the Department of Community Safety, as they are best positioned to provide the number of cases reported to the police.

(iii) How many of these occurred in care facilities such as nursing homes?

Response

18 cases of abuse were reported from various residential facilities

(iv) How many occurred in other spaces where older persons are found?

Response

None.

(v) How many cases of older person abuse have been opened?

Response

The Department of Social Development requests that this question be referred to the Department of Community Safety, as they are best positioned to provide the number of cases reported to the police.

(vi) Does the department have an obligation to assist in opening cases with the police?

Response

Yes, in cases that are reported to the department victims are supported

(vii) How many of the perpetrators were caregivers?

Response

25 perpetrators were identified as caregivers.

(viii) How many of the perpetrators were social workers or auxiliary social workers?

Response

None of the perpetrators were social workers or auxiliary social workers.

(ix) How does the department assist in vetting caregivers, social workers, and auxiliary social workers?

Response

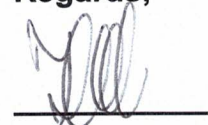
The department provides vetting information to NPOs, who ensure that their staff and board members comply.

(x) How many Form 7s have been received, including the number of Form 8s that have been issued?

Response

- Form 7: 1,247 received
- Form 8: 0 – None have been issued. The national department has not yet finalized the registration process for caregivers as per the Older Persons Act No. 13 of 2006 for implementation in provinces.

Regards,



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Member of Executive Committee

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