

**PARLIAMENT OF THE
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WESTERN CAPE**

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QUESTION PAPER

WRITTEN REPLY

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Note: * Indicates translated version.

FRIDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2025

22. Ms W F Kaizer-Philander to ask Mr J J Londt, Minister of Social Development:

With regard to the Western Cape Government's Gender-based Violence Implementation Plan:

(a) How much money has been spent on its implementation, (b) what are the (i) inter-ventions and (ii) services offered by his Department to support victims of GBV, (c) where can these services be accessed and (d) how many victims have received support since the implementation of this plan?

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Minister of Social Development to reply in a written response:

a) DSD has spent the following during the past five years:

2024/2025	2023/2024	2022/2023	2021/2022	2020/2012
R 70 998 000	R 72 683 000	R 68 299 000	R 66 495 000	R 63 860 000

(b) (i)Interventions: The Departments leads and participates in many intersectoral mechanisms to co-ordinate the state's response to GBV. This includes the quarterly VEP Provincial, Regional and local Forums and external stakeholders' engagements such as the Trafficking in Persons Task Team: Quarterly and the Gender Justice Forum. DSD and funded partners render Psychosocial support services that include group work and community work interventions in hot spot areas. DSD funds 25 GBV shelters in the province and provides victim support services at critical entry points like Thuthuzela Care Centres, family violence courts and SAPS stations in hotspot areas.

(ii) DSD VEP services include:

- School-based prevention programmes
- Community-based early intervention services, including family preservation and support services, paralegal services, dignity packs and services to high-risk men
- Psychosocial support at Thuthuzela Care Centres.
- Shelter services to victims of crime
- Shelter services to victims of trafficking
- Training and capacity building for other stake holders such as GBV ambassadors, community policing forums, municipalities, NGOs
- After care services

(c) (c) DSD funds 25 GBV shelters in the province and provides victim support services at critical entry points like Thuthuzela Care Centres, family violence courts and SAPS stations in hotspot areas. For safety reasons we cannot provide the addresses of the shelters.

The Department of Social Development (DSD) through its partners funds a 24-hour psychosocial support service within 9 Thuthuzela Care Centres (TCCs) in the Western Cape. These services are vital in addressing the emotional and psychological trauma often suffered by victims of gender-based violence and sexual abuse. Services are offered at the following TCC's

TCC Centre	Location
Atlantis TCC	Wesfleur Hospital, Atlantis
Khayelitsha TCC	Khayelitsha Hospital
Paarl TCC	Paarl Hospital
Stellenbosch TCC	Gender Based Violence Centre, Stellenbosch
George TCC	George Hospital
Heideveld TCC	Heideveld Day Hospital
Karl Bremer TCC	Karl Bremer Hospital
Worcester TCC	Worcester Hospital
Victoria Hospital TCC	Victoria Hospital

(d) In the 2023/2024 Financial year 32 692 clients received psychosocial services from funded victim empowerment organisations.

- 486 persons were reached at DSD-funded Khuseleka One Stop Centres, which amongst their basket of services also render a paralegal support
- 19 563 families were reached through the DSD Family Preservation and Support services program
- the Crime Prevention and Support Perpetrator Programmes reached 2 085 perpetrators of gender-based violence.
- 672 Dignity packs were distributed amongst learners at schools across the Western Cape.
- 9 939 persons participated in educational and awareness programmes across the Western Cape

PLEASE NOTE: The replies to the questions in this Question Paper are due on 7 March 2025. Should the replies not be submitted before or on the deadline, the Members have the right to have the questions transferred to the Question Paper for oral reply in accordance with Rule 206.