

**Speaker of the Eastern Cape**  
**Hon. Helen Sauls-August**  
**Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature**  
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**Dear Hon. Sauls-August**

**RE: SUBMISSION OF DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES TO INTERNAL WRITTEN QUESTION  
PAPER (IQP) 35 DATED 23 OCTOBER 2020**

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The above matter refers.

I hereby confirm and submit the Department of Social Development's responses to **(IQP) 35 Dated  
23 OCTOBER 2020.**

Yours in Social Cohesion.

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**Mrs. S.I. Lusithi**  
**Member of the Executive Council**  
**Department of Social Development**  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) How many older persons registered for the older person grants in the province in the (i) 2017/18, (ii) 2018/19 and (iii) 2019/20 financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

Grant Type	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20	
	No. of Beneficiaries	Economic Investment	No. of Beneficiaries	Economic Investment	No. of Beneficiaries	Economic Investment
Old Age	397,584	R 666,150,582	422,974	R 745,796,954	431,009	R 794,555,227.00
Old Age (75 Years & Over)	164,303	R 279,704,441	162,242	R 290,464,270	161,854	R 302,723,599.00
<b>Regional Total</b>	<b>561,887</b>	<b>R 945,855,023</b>	<b>585,216</b>	<b>R 1,036,261,224</b>	<b>592,863</b>	<b>R 1,097,278,826.00</b>

- (2) (a) how many older person's residential facilities are there currently in the province, per district and (b) of these facilities, how many are (aa) Non-Profit Organisations (NPOs), per district and (bb) are run by her Department, per district;

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### Response

DISTRICT	NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES	State facility/Private
Alfred Nzo	0	
Amathole	5 NPOs	
BCM	4 NPOs	1 State run facility
Chris Hani	7 NPOs	
Joe Gqabi	3 NPOs	
Nelson Mandela Metro	11 NPOs	2 Frail Care Centres
OR Tambo	1 NPO	

Sara Baartman	12 NPOs	
Total	43	3

- (3) (a) what is the residential capacity of each facility and (b) how many people appear on the waiting list of each facility;

### Response

Attached is the list

- (4) whether her Department has put any plans in place with a view to building more residential facilities for older persons; if not, why; if so, (a) how many, (b) in which districts and (c) when are these facilities envisaged to be completed and ready for occupation?

### Response

The Department has been experiencing challenges in terms of running costs the residential facilities as it is very expensive to run. There has been a paradigm shift which was adopted, more emphasis was on community-based care rather than institutional care. Community based care seeks to ensure that Older Persons stays as possible in their communities of origin. This approach is also reciprocal in that families are more active in taking care of Older Persons and younger generation benefit from them through intergenerational.