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850. Mr G G Hill-Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

With reference to the tax measures introduced to combat the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, what (a) is the envisaged number of beneficiaries who will benefit from the tax subsidy of up to R500 per month for private sector employees earning below R 6 500 per month granted to employers under the Employment Tax Incentive in each province and (b) number of employers have already made use of the specified tax subsidy in each province to date?

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REPLY:

(a) We estimate that 492 386 employees will benefit from the tax subsidy of R500 per month. The table below is breakdown per province.

Province	Total Number
EASTERN CAPE	23 658
FREE STATE	12 063
GAUTENG	260 264
KWA-ZULU NATAL	60 586
LIMPOPO	9 390
MPUMALANGA	17 963
NORTH WEST	10 124
NORTHERN CAPE	4 935
WESTERN CAPE	93 403
Grand Total	492 386

(b) 10 223 companies have thus far made use of the wage subsidy for employees earning less than R6 500 per month. The table below is a breakdown of this figure per province.

Province	Grand Total
EASTERN CAPE	548
FREE STATE	360
GAUTENG	4 890
KWA-ZULU NATAL	1 144
LARGE BUSINESS CENTRE	192
LIMPOPO	120
MPUMALANGA	258
NORTH WEST	155
WESTERN CAPE	2 556
Grand Total	10 223