

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**  
**QUESTION NUMBER: 2436 [NW2864E]**  
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**2436. Mr W W Wessels (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Finance:**

Since the 1994-95 financial year up to the latest date for which information is available, what total (a) amounts were spent by the Government at national, provincial and local level on (i) general social grants, (ii) Social Relieve of Distress grants, (iii) school fee subsidies, (iv) tertiary support via the National Student Financial Aid Scheme, (v) subsidised and free electricity for those qualifying in terms of means test, (vi) subsidised and free water for those qualifying in terms of means test, (vii) other subsidised and free municipal services for those that qualify in terms of means test and (viii) subsidised and free housing and (b) number of individuals were reached and/or benefitted in each case?

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**REPLY**

In the excel workbook attached, is the information requested. Kindly note that prior to 2015, classification of the social wage was at a high-level classification of Housing, Education, Health and Social Development. It is therefore not possible to provide the lower-level detail for the years prior.

In the workbook attached, the responses to Questions a, h and I are in the first tab, titled *A, H and I*. The responses to the rest of the questions are in the tabs titled B, C, D; and *E, F, G* (combined).