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**31. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to her replies to (a) question 1657 on 19 September 2016 and (b) oral question 107 on 31 August 2016, (i) what are the (aa) names and (bb) professional designations of each member serving on the Ministerial Advisory Committee established to plan the way forward for the takeover of the paying out of social grants by the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA), (ii) what role does the work stream leaders play in the specified committee, (iii) what is the role of the specified committee with regard to the takeover of grant distribution by SASSA and (iv) who is (aa) accountable for and (bb) leading the processes of the specified committee? **NW34E**

**Reply:**

The function of the Ministerial Advisory Committee (MAC) was to review a broad number of elements relating to the payment systems for social security benefits distribution or payments, taking into account the accessibility of services; payment infrastructure requirements - the current level of South Africa’s infrastructure development and affordability; legislative and general regulatory environment; cost to state and to beneficiaries; and the macroeconomic environment.

The Ministerial Advisory Committee concluded its work in December 2014.

The workstream leaders were appointed in 2016 to facilitate the implementation of the recommendation of the Ministerial Advisory Committee.

1. List of Ministerial Advisory Committee Members

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| **Name**  | **Qualification (s)** |
| Mr. Themba Langa  | LLB |
| Mr. Mark Davids  | National Higher Diploma: Electrical Engineering  |
| Mr. Sipho Majombozi  | B Ed  |
| Mr. Tim Masela  | BComm  |
| Mr. Patrick Monyeki  | MBA  |
| Mr. Sizwe Shezi  | MA in Social Policy  |
| Dr. Makhozi Khoza | PHD Administration  |
| Ms. Tankiso Parkies  | Honours in Sociology  |
| Prof Ann Skelton  | PHD Degree in law restorative and child justice  |
| Mr. Sanjiv Mital  | Engineering Degree Information Technology / Management Degree |
| Mr. Barend Petersen | Honours B Compt  |
| Mr. Tim Sukazi | LLM in Commercial Law |
| Mr. Andile Nyhonyha | LLB |

1. The workstream leaders appointed so far are:-

Mr Tim Sukazi: Legislative and Policy Requirements Management.

Ms Tankiso Pakkies: Benefits and Local Economic Development and

Mr Patrick Monyeki: Business information, Banking Services and Project Management

Over and above the workstream services, SASSA has a database of accredited service providers e.g. Actuaries, Risk and Security management etc. whose services will be utilized in the course on concluding this work.

1. Mr Sukazi will lead the process that review regulatory requirements including the SASSA act to obtain understanding of the legal operating environment.

Ms Mpolokeng Tankiso Parkies is responsible for identifying the benefits and Local Economic initiatives to be implemented with the delivery of the Social Security Assistance.

Mr Patrick Monyeki is responsible to develop system requirements to meet the recommended insourcing payment model while reviewing both the current CPS and SASSA systems for enhancement and systems integration.

1. (aa) work stream lead(s) accounts for the services rendered by companies they lead,

(bb) the work stream lead(s) lead their individual companies.