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UPDATE REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PAYMENT ON SOCIAL GRANTS Portfolio Committee 7 March 2017

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Engagements with CPS	<p>a) Approach CPS to establish their willingness to negotiate</p> <p>b) Identify and list of key issues to be negotiated</p> <p>c) Establishment of negotiation teams</p> <p>d) Negotiations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Exploration letter</i> was sent to CPS to request meeting for engagement (.../01/2017) • <i>Negotiating document</i> reflecting issues to be negotiated has been completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Key issues to be negotiated: Period of contract (Timelines); Costs; Unfavourable conditions (e.g. deductions); and Phasing-in of services over the period of the new/ revised contract <p><i>The Negotiations Team:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO approved the negotiation team constituted by SASSA and DSD. • A letter was sent to National Treasury requesting them to nominate officials to advise and support the negotiation process particularly on issues relating to costs. However,

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		<p>SASSA did not receive the response and they did not present themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The negotiating team was led by the acting CEO, Ms Mzobe, supported by the technical team from both SASSA and DSD. <p>Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both SASSA and the CPS engaged in negotiations which took place from the 01 – 03 March 2017. An in-principle agreement was reached between the teams where CPS indicated willingness to work with SASSA. Terms and conditions will be outlined in the contract and the service level agreement that will be signed once the procurement process has been completed. <i>cannot be proven further</i>

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Procurement process towards acquisition of CPS services	<p>Engagements with Office of the Chief Procurement Officer</p> <p>Request for deviation to enter into new contract with CPS</p> <p>BAC recommendations</p> <p>Contracting (15/03/2017)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SASSA committed to send a Request for Deviation to National Treasury by the 07 February 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A letter requesting deviation to enter into new contract with CPS was sent to National Treasury on the 07 February 2017 – SASSA team met with the OCCPO staff on the same date to discuss the process and implementation of other parallel processes involving mainly the RFI • National Treasury (OCCPO) responded indicating that they will consider request favourably only if the ConCourt accedes to SASSA request • Internal SASSA processes are being implemented. (Matter is <i>sub-judice</i>)

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Constitutional Court Report	03 February 2017 <i>March</i>	SASSA committed to approach the Constitutional Court. The Agency further indicated that they will confirm with the lawyers on exactly what SASSA is requesting from the court.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication to beneficiaries • Communication to SA public at large 	<p>Supplementary progress report was compiled and tabled with the Constitutional Court. <i>Friday 03</i></p> <p>Effective 05/03/17 the Minister together with SASSA has enhanced communication to beneficiaries targeting community radio stations, publication in local newspapers and briefings with critical stakeholders</p>
OTHER		
Litigation/Court challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent application - Black SASH - Democratic Alliance - Freedom under Law 	<p><i>Right to know was joined there.</i></p> <p>Answering affidavits from all Respondents</p> <p>Court hearing will be on the 15 March 2017</p>

