



DISPUTES UPDATE 2016-2018











1. Introduction

SASSA started recording the disputed deductions as from the 2016 financial year. The number of cases reported for each financial year were as follows:

2016/17:

131 026

2017/18:

24 434

Amount Refunded:

R2 037 715

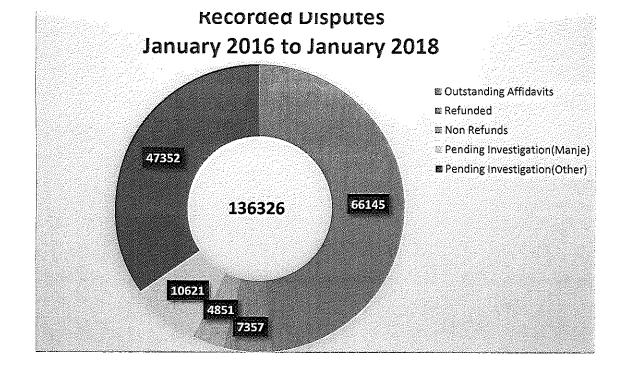
It should be noted that these do not all represent illegal deductions, but rather disputed deductions which were reported to SASSA. In many cases, the beneficiary acknowledged having bought the financial product, but only wanted the deductions not to continue in the future.

The above disputed deductions are for a number of products, including EFT disputes (for loan repayments); ATM disputes (where the ATM either did not give the money requested; declined the transaction or swallowed the card); disputes related to the sale of pre-paid electricity and/or airtime. In resolving the disputes, SASSA arranges for the specific card to be blacklisted for future product sales (meaning that no more pre-paid products can be loaded to that specific card, but that the card remains active for grant payments and withdrawals) and then refers the matter to be investigated by the service provider. Not all disputes result in refunds to the beneficiaries.

SASSA has no record of illegal deductions. However, it can be assumed that those deductions which resulted in a refund could be seen as illegal, as the investigation confirmed that the mandate for the deduction was not given.

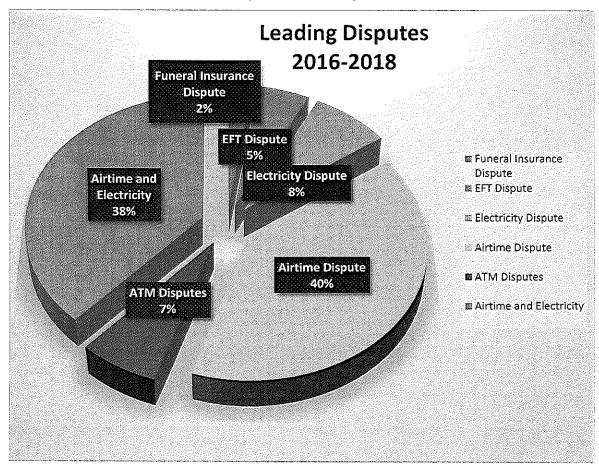
2. Current Status

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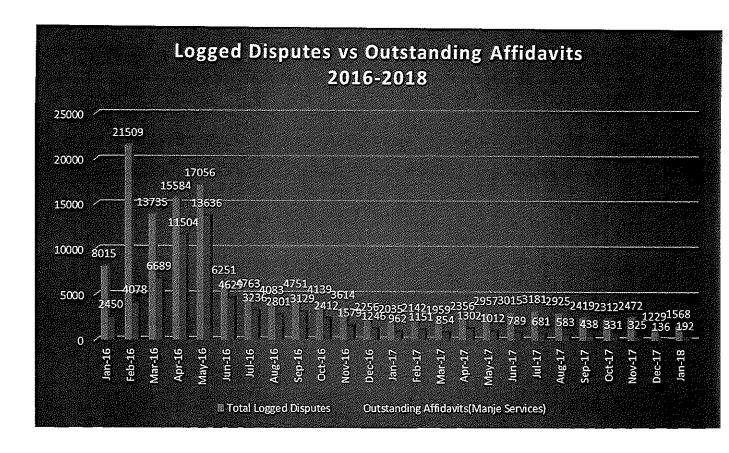
3. Type of Disputes

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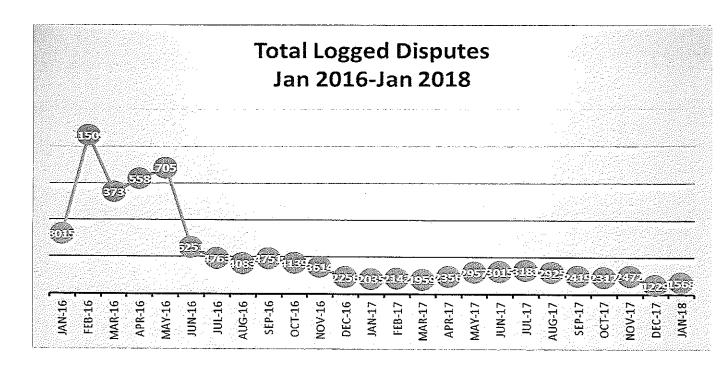


Beneficiary Payment Dispute Resolution Mechanism

4. Logged Disputes vs Outstanding Affidavits



5. Total Logged Disputes

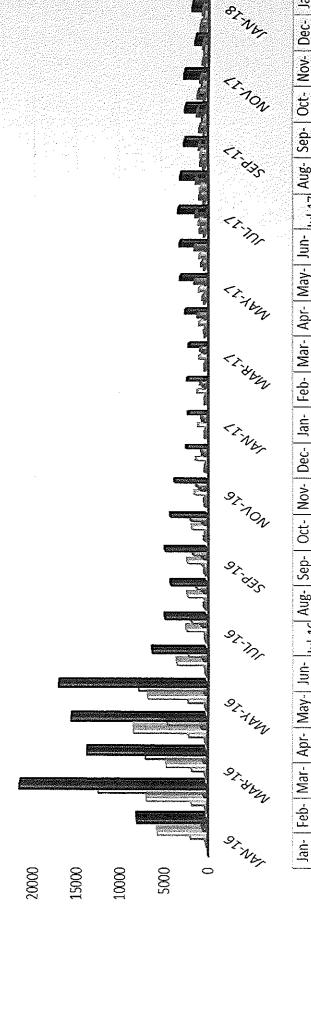


Beneficiary Payment Dispute Resolution Mechanism



Total Logged Disputes

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