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**1227. Ms V P Mogotsi (ANC) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to the National Treasury’s mandate to the National Development Agency (NDA) to review its core function after discovering a duplication of its function (details furnished), how will she remedy this challenge that faces the NDA? NW1366E

**Reply:**

The Department of Social Development (DSD) conducted a review on the National Development Agency (NDA) in 2013/14 financial year as requested by the National Treasury. The request from National Treasury was for DSD to review the NDA as they omitted NDA in their review of National Entities. The outcome of the NDA review indicated a need for a more robust approach of dealing with Poverty in the country and also for more resources to be made available for NDA to deal with the scourge. According to the NDA Act the NDA functions do not duplicate the Department of Social Development’s mandate but instead compliment it in contributing towards poverty reduction. For that purpose this financial year (2016/17) the NDA has developed a decentralization model to improve its visibility and footprints at the local level.