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**1374. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether the SA Social Security Agency has investigated the causes of the irregular expenditure of R28 million relating to Project Mikondzo that was incurred in the (a) 2013-14 and (b) 2014-15 financial years; if not, why not; if so, what was the outcome of the specified investigations;

(2) Whether any action was taken against individuals responsible for causing the specified irregular expenditure; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details ? NW1522E

**Reply:**

(1) (a) The SA Social Security Agency reported on the circumstances and the reasons under which the R28 million irregular expenditure was incurred in its 2013/14 Annual Report. The agency could not finalize the bid award as anticipated due to nonresponsive bids during this reporting period, whereas urgent service delivery interventions were required by various communities to address identified service delivery gaps. The said transactions are currently considered for condonation by the delegated authority.

(b) There was no reported Irregular Expenditure in respect of Mikondzo Program in the year 2014/15.

(2) Refer to 1 above.