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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1573. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether, with reference to her replies to questions 696 and 697 on 23 March 2021, the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) is planning to introduce measures other than the access to PERSAL and PE RSOL databases to prevent public service employees from unlawfully and fraudulently applying for and receiving social grants;

(2) (a) how and (b) by what date will SASSA ensure that its systems are integrated with other government departments in an effort to prevent public service employees from applying for any SASSA administered grants? NW1779E

**REPLY:**

1. SASSA has included in its operational plan for 2021/2022 financial year a target to interface with Labour (UIF), Government Pensions Administration Agency (Government Employees Pension Fund), National Student Financial Aid Scheme and Correctional Services established to verify income means. In addition, SASSA has commenced discussions with the Department of Cooperative Governance regarding access to data of municipal employees.

2 (a) SASSA first has to conclude Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) with the targeted agencies followed by a formal process to confirm interface guidelines that will give input to the revised business processes and system implementation.

 2(b) The process to formalise the MOA and interface guidelines with Department of Labour (UIF) and GPAA (GEPF) has started and planned to be finalised by the end of June 2021 followed by the same process with NSFAS and Department of Correctional Services by the end of September 2021.

The Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Cooperative Governance was concluded in May 2021.

 By the end of the March 2022 SASSA will utilise the reports generated from the data sharing process to initiate a review process for existing beneficiaries.