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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

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**159. Mr M Bagraim (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) (a) How many Regional Executive Managers of the SA Social Security Agency have VIP protection services, (b) on what grounds are the protection services necessary, (c) on what dates were risk analyses on each of the specified managers completed and (d) to whom were the specified reports submitted;

(2) whether any of the managers received death threats; if so, will she furnish Mr M Bagraim with copies of the police reports filed in this regard;

(3) (a) what amount does it cost to employ the services of the protection services and (b) from which budget(s) are the protection services paid;

(4) whether the specified protection services are contracted on a permanent basis in each case; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW45E**

**Reply:**

1. (a) One (1) Regional Executive Manager

(b) She received threats by staff who are mostly subjected to disciplinary hearings for fraud and agents responsible for defrauding the systems, including what appears to be kingpins.

(c) 3 June 2014 and 17 June 2014

(d) Former Chief Executive Officer Dr Virginia Petersen

1. Yes, the Regional Executive Manager (REM) of KZN and Darius Nysschens (Manager in KZN) did receive death threats.

The report cannot be made available as it will put the lives of the affected officials and their families at risk.

1. (a) R118 333.04 per month inclusive of four protectors and two cars.

(b) SASSA security budget

1. The services provider is contracted on ad-hoc basis and will end when the threat to the REM and the manager has ceased