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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1755. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether she is aware of the de-accreditation of a certain organisation (name furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; (2) whether the reasons for the specified de-accreditation are sufficiently in line with the conditions of accreditation; if not, what steps will she take to protect the best interest of children being served by this and other organisations that may have suffered the same fate from her department's decision; if so, where is the information published;

(3) what (a) number of other organisations have had their re-accreditation declined and (b) were the reasons for the decision in each case? NW2145E

**REPLY:**

1. Yes. There were concerns about issues of non-compliance. However, the Acting Director-General has since reviewed the decision and granted the organisation in a conditional accreditation for two years, subject to compliance with the Accreditation Guidelines.
2. Yes, the reasons for the de-accreditation are sufficiently in line with the Accreditation Guidelines, which upholds the principle of the best interest of children. Any organisation is required, without exception to comply with these Guidelines.
3. (a) Four Child Protection Organisations were declined accreditation. (b) The reason thereof is none of these organisations were rendering direct services to clients/beneficiaries.