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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 1928**

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**1928.   Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development: *[Interdepartmental; transfer from* *Public Service and Administration with effect Monday, 23 May 2022]***

(1)  With reference to her reply to question 1279 on 18 April 2022, what are the (a) names and (b) work and/or residential addresses of the 3 268 public servants who were found to not qualify for the social grants after the review and/or verification process was concluded;

(2)   (a) what total amount did each of the 3 268 public servants receive in this regard and (b) for what period had they been receiving the specified amount;

(3)   by what date will the review and/or verification of the outstanding 98 817 social grants be finalised?                  NW2266E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(b)(2)(a)(b) In terms of the South African Social Security Agency Act (Act No. 9 of 2004), the Agency is not at liberty to disclose the personal information obtained as a result of an application for a social grant unless directed by a court orders such or the concerned individual has consented to such.

(3) Beneficiaries, whose employment conditions were suspected to have changed, were given notice in January of the intention to review their social grants. According to this notice, beneficiaries were afforded 3 months to complete this process. Those beneficiaries who did not approach SASSA during the period that ended in April 2022 to conduct their review were then issued with an “intention to suspend” notice. These notices were issued in May 2022 and gives beneficiaries until the end of July 2022 to remedy the situation. Failure to respond will result in the suspension of their grant. However, the beneficiary will still have the right to approach SASSA to re-instate their grant within 3 months after it has been suspended. If this is not done, the grant will be permanently terminated.