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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

# Minister

**National Assembly Written Reply: 197**

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**Mr. Toni**

**Acting Director-General: Department of Social Development**

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**197. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask Minister of Social Development:**

With regard to the increase in the number of fraud cases reported by pensioners and recipients of the SA Social Security Agency grants in general, (a) what is the total number of cases that have been (i) reported and (ii) resolved in the past 12 months to date and (b) what amount has been recovered?

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# REPLY:

(a)(i) As at 28 June, a total of 20 787 fraud cases had been registered with the South African Post Office

(ii) Of these, 12 432 social grant beneficiaries have been reimbursed for the losses they suffered, to the total value of R21 779 451, 47. None of the cases can be considered resolved, despite the beneficiaries having been reimbursed, as the criminal investigations are still underway.

(b) No amounts have been recovered, as this is dependent on the outcome of the criminal investigation.

# Approved by the Minister on Date……………………….