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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2094. Dr M M Gondwe (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 360 on 18 February 2022, the Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) has advised her regarding the date on which they will be furnishing her department with the details of the residential and work addresses of the outstanding 198 public servants from the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA);

(2) whether the matter of the Level 13 employee who applied for and received the R350 Social Relief of Distress grant has been brought to the attention of the relevant heads of department; if not, why not; if so, what (a) are the relevant details and (b) position does the specified employee occupy in the Public Service;

(3) on what date was the complete information regarding the nine public servants handed over by the DPSA to SASSA;

(4) what progress has been made by the SA Police Service in investigating the nine public servants whose complete information was handed over to SASSA by the DPSA? NW2499E

**REPLY**

1. Information regarding the 198 government employees was received on the 29th March 2022 from DPSA.
2. No. The relevant Head of Department has not been informed yet.
3. The Agency is expecting to receive all relevant information pertaining to the level 13 official before it can open a case with the South African Police Services (SAPS). When this is received, we will concurrently inform the Head of the Department responsible for the official through the DPSA as agreed on how the process should flow.
4. The official is a Chief of Staff at one of the provincial government departments.
5. Information regarding the nine (9) government officials was received on 01 February 2022. On 29 March 2022 we received information balance of outstanding 198 officials.
6. A progress report pertaining to the nine referred cases was received from SAPS as detailed below:

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| **Item no** | **Station and Cas No** | **Court**  |
| 1 | Vereeniging 249/11/2021 | Under investigation |
| 2 | Edenpark 166/11/2021 | Under investigation |
| 3 | JHB Central 762/11/2021 | Under investigation |
| 4 | Sandton 312/11/2021 | Randburg court – the prosecutor declined to prosecute  |
| 5 | Fochville 140/11/2021 | Fouchville court - the prosecutor declined to prosecute |
| 6 | Hillbrow 385/11/2021 | Johannesburg Court - the prosecutor declined to prosecute |
| 7 | Evaton 238/11/2021 | Sebokeng Court - the prosecutor declined to prosecute |
| 8 | Moroka 323/11/2021 | Protea Court - the prosecutor declined to prosecute |
| 9 | Evaton 240/11/2021 | Sebokeng court - the prosecutor declined to prosecute |