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**2273. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) With regard to the appointment of a certain official (name and details furnished) (a) what processes were followed in identifying the specified person as the most suitable candidate to be appointed to the position and (b) what is the extent of the business dealings between her family and the specified person;

(2) has the process of finding a new and permanent Chief Executive Officer of SA Social Security Agency been embarked on; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2506E

**Reply:**

(1)(a) Ms Pearl Bengu was appointed on the basis of her qualifications and vast experience as the most suitable Executive to act in the vacant position of CEO and to SASSA in the interim while the process of filling the position is underway. The educational qualifications, experience and competency profile of all Regional Executive Managers were considered and Ms P Bengu has been identified as the most suitable candidate to be appointed to act in the post of Chief Executive Officer of the South African Social Security Agency.

(1)(b) There are no business dealings between the Acting CEO and family of the Executive Authority.

(2) The advertisement of the vacant post of the CEO of SASSA has been approved by the Executive Authority. Recruitment process has commenced.