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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

With reference to the contract signed between the South African Post Office (SAPO) and the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA), (a) what is the monetary value of the contract, (b) what is the period of the contract and (c) will SAPO be able to comply with the relevant requirements of the contract applicable to them to ensure that the Constitutional Court deadline in terms of SASSA being ready to pay out grants on behalf of the State is met?

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**REPLY:**

**I have been informed by SAPO as follows:**

SAPO does not have a contract with the South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) as yet. SAPO has, however, received a letter of intention to work with SASSA.

1. The final monetary value will be determined out of engagements between SAPO and SASSA.
2. Not applicable as no contract has been signed.

 (c) SAPO has submitted its proposal including its capacity to SASSA. Further, SAPO has informed me that it has the capacity to deal with various aspects of the value chain including banking services.

**Approved/Not Approved**

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**Dr Siyabonga Cwele, MP**

**Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services**

**Date:**