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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2435. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What would be the budgetary and expenditure implications for (a) her department and (b) the SA Social Security Agency should all (i) disability and (ii) care dependency grants that are due to lapse on 31 October, 30 November and 31 December 2020 be extended until 31 March 2021? NW3043E

**REPLY:**

1. The temporary disability grants and care dependency grants which were due to lapse at the end of October 2020 have all been extended to 31 December 2020. The costs for this extension have been accommodated within the financial allocation for the social grants for the 2020/21 financial year.
2. (i) The financial implications for the extension of the care dependency grants from October to December 2020 is R41 823 960.
3. The financial implication for the temporary disability grants for the period from October to December 2020 is R784 094 160.
4. The numbers of grants affected, should they be extended to 31 March 2021 is 11 243 care dependency grants and 210 778 temporary disability grants. To continue paying these for an additional 3 months will cost R62 735 940 for the care dependency grants, and R1 176 141 240 for the temporary disability grants (total of R1 238 877 180).