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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2517. Ms A L A Abrahams (DA) to ask** **the Minister of Social Development**:

With reference to the approved organisations in receipt of the 2016 Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act grant funding for Victim Empowerment Programmes administered by the National Development Agency (details furnished), (a) on what date (s) did the organisations receive their (i) first and (ii) second tranche payments, (b) what are the reasons that the specified organisations did not receive their full tranche payment, (c) on what date is it envisaged that all organisations will receive their full tranche payment and (d) what gender-based violence programmes do these organisations provide? NW2940E

**REPLY:**

I would like to point out to the Honourable Member that South Africa does not have any legislation referred to in the question. Rather, the Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act 2016 is a piece of legislation that has its origins from the United States of America.

CARA is an abbreviation for the Criminal Assets Recovery Accounts, a fund that is currently administered by the National Development Agency (NDA). The contract for the NDA to manage the CARA Fund to support NGOs/civil society organisations that provide services to survivors and victims of gender-based violence as guided by the National Strategic Plan on Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (2019-2024).

1. (i) (ii) Refer to Annexure A
2. The Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), which is the principal Act in terms of funding of non-profit organisations/civil society organisations prescribes that due diligence be conducted before the transfer of funds to any organisation, and the CARA Fund is no exception. All funded CSOs are subjected to verifications and performance reviews before funds can be transferred to the CSOs’ bank accounts. The organisations are expected to submit progress reports and thereafter the performance reviews are conducted before second tranches can transferred. Therefore, all the CSOs that have not been paid second tranches are yet to submit progress reports and be subjected to performance review before the transfer of second tranches as per the Service Level Agreement.
3. Refer to (b)
4. Refer to second paragraph above.