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**QUESTION 2595**

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**2595. Mr Z N Mbhele (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the Minister of Social Development’s replies to questions 115 and 116 on 17 March 2015 and 9 March 2015, respectively, and in light of his responsibility for the protection of whistleblowers and any citizen who may experience a threat against his or her life, he is aware that the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) was providing close protection services to the (a) staff members of SASSA, (b) the Minister of Social Development’s spokesperson and (c) spokesperson’s children; if so,

(2) on what statutory provisions and/or regulations could SASSA rely to provide the specified services?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a) No, SAPS is providing protection to the Minister of Social Development.

(1)(b) No.

(1)(c) No.

(2) This question can best be responded to by SASSA.