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**QUESTION 264**

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**264. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask Minister of Police:**What is the status of the investigation by the Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation into the increase in the number of cases of alleged fraud and corruption that were reported by pensioners and recipients of the SA Social Security Agency grants over the past 12 months?

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**REPLY:**The Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (DPCI) is investigating a criminal case of fraud1 in the Free State and the case docket reference number is Heilbron, CAS 4/04/2019. On 1 April 2019, the complainant received a short message service (sms), indicating that money had been deducted from her South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) pension card. It is alleged that approximately 60 beneficiaries were defrauded through the same modus operandi. A total of 20 beneficiaries were traced and their statements have been obtained. Approximately 40 beneficiaries are still being traced. Criminal cases will be registered when the complainants have been identified. The investigation is continuing.

Reply to question 264 recommended/not recommended

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