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**299. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What number of (a) Namibian nationals with dual South African-Namibian citizenship are currently receiving SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) grants and (b) paypoints are currently being serviced by SASSA in Namibia? NW453E

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**REPLY:**

1. SASSA currently pays grants to 579 beneficiaries in Namibia, broken down as follows:

59 disability grants

520 grants for older persons.

However, at this stage, SASSA is unable to confirm how many of the above beneficiaries carry dual citizenship as the grant is paid on the South African identity number. A review project is planned for the 2020/21 financial year to determine this and to confirm whether approval was obtained to retain the South African citizenship prior to taking Namibian citizenship as is required in terms of the South African Citizenship Act, Act 88 of 1995.

1. SASSA does not service any pay points in Namibia. Social grants are paid through direct deposit into the beneficiaries’ personal bank accounts or in cash through Nampost at the post office in Walvis Bay.