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**3146. Dr A Lotriet (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to her reply to question 2478 on 30 July 2015 and the fact that she is aware that being in consultation with VIP services since 2013 does mean that authorisation was granted for employees of the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) to perform close protection services, when will she answer the question of whether the SA Social Security Agency (SASSA) obtained authorisation from the SA Police Service to provide the services which are not within SASSA’s mandate? NW3689E

**Reply:**

Please refer to my previous reply to question 115 on 17 March 2015 in which I explained the reasons for the provision of close protection services for SASSA employees and other affected officials.