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**3239. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

With reference to her reply to question 2319on 16 August 2022, (a) on what date is her department planning on submitting the joint bid to the National Treasury and (b) how far is the process on the development of the Draft Sector Strategy?NW3969E

**REPLY:**

(a) on what date is her department planning on submitting the joint bid to the National Treasury.

* The joint bid was tabled to National Treasury on the 28th of July 2022.
* The department is expecting a response from the National Treasury anytime in the month of November 2022.

The aim of the joint bid is to:

* Source funding to leverage and expand on employment of social service professionals to address social ills which are adversely impacting the country and society.
* Source funding to employ social service professionals from the current pool of unemployed social service graduates.

Various government departments participated in the joint bid process, and these are:

* 9 Social Development Provincial Departments.
* South African State Security Agency.
* Department of Basic Education.
* Department of Correctional Services.
* Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.
* South African Police Service.
* Department of Health.

(b) how far is the process on the development of the Draft Sector Strategy?

1. The Draft Sector Strategy was developed in the financial year 2021/2022.
2. The following government departments participated in the drafting of Sector Strategy:

* 9 Social Development Provincial Departments.
* South African State Security Agency.
* Department of Basic Education.
* Department of Correctional Services.
* Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.
* South African Police Service.
* Department of Health.

1. The Draft Sector Strategy will serve before Cabinet before the end of financial year 2022/2023.