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**478. Ms E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the SA Social Security Agency’s (SASSA) awarding of a bid (details furnished) to appoint a certain company (name and details furnished) as a service provider to conduct forensic investigations, the SASSA Bid Adjudication Committee recommended that the specified company be appointed as the preferred service provider; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the specified company was the highest scoring bidder in terms of the National Treasury’s Implementation Guide: Preferential Procurement Regulations, 2011; if not, (a) why was the specified company awarded the bid and (b) what are (i) the names of the companies that scored higher in this regard and (ii) their respective scores; if so, what was the specified company’s score;

(3) whether all necessary approvals were obtained from the Auditor-General before the appointment of the specified company as the preferred bidder; if not, why not; if so, on what date was such approval obtained? NW532E

**Reply:**

(1), (2) (a), (b), (i), (ii) and 3. This matter is sub judice.