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**570. Mrs T G Mpambo-Sibhukwana (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What is her department’s plan to alleviate the problem of nongovernmental organisations that are closing due to non-payment of subsidies by her department? NW1567

**REPLY:**

The Department of Social Development is primarily responsible for registration of all Non Profit Organizations in terms of NPO Act. The NPOs are registered to operate within a diverse range of sectors and are classified according to type of activities they are engaged in. Within the social development sector, entities need to comply with funding requirements in order to receive funding. The organizations that qualify for funding and are rendering services in line with the mandate of the Department are thus funded accordingly.

However, the sector experiences the ever present reality that funding is constrained. In order to address some of the challenges, the department reviewed its funding policy with the aim to guide the country’s response to the funding of NPOs; to facilitate transformation for the equitable distribution of services and resources; and to ensure effective and efficient service provision to the poor and vulnerable sectors of society.

It is hoped that in the long term, the policy will unlock provincial and national funds for more equitable funding of social services in all provinces. The policy further guides the department in terms of putting in place clear, predictable procedures that are transparent and fair, and above all to ensure that funding allocations are made on time.