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

What (a) steps (i) have been taken or (ii) are envisaged for the SA Social Development Agency to run a competitive bidding process to appoint a new contractor or contractors for the payment of social grants and (b) is the timeframe for this to take place? NW672E

**Reply:**

(a) (i) (ii) The Bid Specification Committee has been appointed and it is in a process of developing draft specification which will be tabled to the Bid Adjudication Committee for approval.

(b)The timeframe set are as follows:

* The procumbent process: July- September 2017
* Phase-out Negotiations with CPS: November 2017
* Setting up by the new Service Provider November 2017