Official reply: 10 May 2017

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

Date of publication on internal question paper: 17 March 2017

Internal question paper no: 10

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

What (a) steps will be taken by her department to ensure that the SA Social Security Agency will become capable of administering and paying social grants in future and (b) are the exact timeframes within which this will take place? NW673E

**Reply:**

It is a matter of public knowledge that the Constitutional Court has extended the CPS contract with SASSA for the payment of social grants for a period of twelve months, until 31 March 2018 on the same terms and conditions as those of the initial contract signed in 2012. The Court further ordered that the Minister and SASSA report on affidavit every three months on how they plan to ensure the payment of social grants after the expiry of the extended contract in March 2018.

The first report to the Constitutional Court is due next month (June). The report will set out the exact details, including the timeframes on how the Agency intends to ensure the payment of social grants beyond the current contract.

We will therefore furnish the Honourable Member with such report once it has been completed and submitted to the Constitutional Court as per the judgment.