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**663. The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(1) What were the reasons for the withdrawal of the SA Social Security Agency’s Constitutional Court application requesting the court to authorise its negotiations with Cash Paymaster Service to pay grants for the next year less than 48 hours after it was lodged;

(2) whether she authorised the application and the subsequent withdrawal? NW722E

**Reply:**

(1) Please refer, to the paragraph 4.1 of the Confirmatory Affidavit deposed to by the Honourable Minister B.O Dlamini on 13 March 2017.

(2) Refer to paragraph 4.3 of the Confirmatory Affidavit referred to above.