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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**793. Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

What total amount has the SA Social Security Agency lost as a result of cash-in-transit heists over the past five financial years? NW950E

**REPLY:**

SASSA has not lost any money as a result of cash in transit heists. Over the past 5 years, there have been two payment contractors. For the period from 2016 to 2018, payments were made by Cash Paymaster Services and for the period from 2018 to date, social grant disbursement services have been made by the South African Post Office.

In terms of the contracts entered into, the contracted service providers have to carry insurance against losses as a result of cash in transit heists. The risk is therefore transferred from SASSA to the service providers.