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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 972**

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**972. Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Social Development:**

(a) What are the processes that were followed in constituting the technical task team of her department, (b) for how long was the team set up, (c) what amount has been paid to each task team member, (d) what are the details of the (i) terms of reference and (ii) reports of the task team and (e) what has been done with the recommendations of the reports? NW1261E

“Ms Masango has indicated that she is referring to the technical task team(s) set up to review/plan the transfer of the payment of social grants from CPS to SASSA and SAPO”.

**REPLY:**

1. The Technical Committee for SASSA was appointed by the previous Minister of Social Development to assist SASSA in implementing the Constitutional Court judgement of 23rd March 2018 and to advice on business model review of SASSA.

Various Constitutional Court judgements in the course of 2017 made it clear that there were challenges with the existing contract with service providers for cash payment, without which SASSA would not be able to execute its mandate and the extra capacity for a period of time was required.

1. The Technical Committeewas appointed from May 2018 until October 2018
2. The members of the Technical Committee were paid as follows:

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| **Name of Committee Member** | **Total Amount Paid** |
| Ms.Dipuo Peters | R468,503.05 |
| Ms ManokoNchwe | R449,040.00 |
| Ms.Totsie Memela | R235,592.00 |
| Mr.SelwynJehoma | R383,466.00 |
| Ms.ZodwaManase | R348,580.00 |
| Mr.SiphoShezi | R649,650.00 |

1. The Terms of Reference is attached for ease of reference
2. The six reports from the Technical Committee are attached for ease of reference

* The project recommendations identified in the reports were implemented
* Governance and Institutional Review is underway. The new Chief Executive Officer had to be appointed to drive the review.
* The Agency is in the process of developing a business case for replacement of SOCPEN and also evaluating options and approach to replace the system depending on availability of budgetary resources.