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ALL ACCOUNTING OFFICERS AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL PRACTICE NOTE 5 OF 2002

**PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE ORDERS IN TERMS OF THE MAINTENANCE ACT,
1998 (ACT NO 99 OF 1998: PAYMENT BY ELECTRONIC/ CREDIT TRANSFER:
MAGISTRATES' OFFICES COUNTRYWIDE**

The Director-General: Justice and Constitutional Development has recently addressed a letter to all departments urging them to expedite the payment of maintenance monies by paying it over electronically instead of by cheque and to expedite the furnishing of item analyses and reconciliation reports to magistrates' offices.

PERSAL makes provision for the capturing of bank details on Table 801 (Garnishee Beneficiaries) on departmental code files and generates item analyses and reconciliation reports programmatically. The onus rests with departments to expedite the distribution of these reports to beneficiaries.

All departments are to ensure that bank details are captured on all codes for maintenance order beneficiaries on Table 801 of their departmental code files. By capturing the beneficiaries' bank details on PERSAL, payments will be made electronically, as requested by the Director-General: Justice and Constitutional Development. This procedure should be completed by 25 February 2002.

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