

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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78. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether (a) he and/or (b) any other National Treasury official met with any officials from the (i) Department of Social Development and/or (ii) SA Social Security Agency since 1 January 2016; if not, in each case, why not; if so, in each case, (aa) when did the meeting take place, (bb) where did the meeting take place, (cc) what was the reason for the meeting and (dd) what was the (aaa) name and (bbb) designation of each person who attended the meeting? NW82E

REPLY:

In addition to routine meetings (Early Child Development, conditional grant frameworks, guideline for NPO payments, Budget 2017), the National Treasury has met with SASSA and Department of Social Development (DSD) multiple times on the issue of social grant payments upon expiry of the current contract. Two meetings were held between senior management of SASSA, DSD, National Treasury and South African Reserve Bank. Numerous meetings were held of the technical task team established to consider options for payment of social grants, consider pros and cons of different options and provide expert advice on procurement, public finance, financial sector policy and banking to SASSA.

I have also had brief discussions with the Minister of Social Development, telephonically or in person, to discuss the payment of grants.