



SOCIAL SERVICES AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NEGOTIATING MANDATE

ON THE

**SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY BILL [B51B-2003]
(Section 76)**

22 January 2004

1. INTRODUCTION

The Speaker formally referred the Social Security Agency Bill [B51B-2003], a Section 76 Bill to the Social Services and Population Development Portfolio Committee for consideration and report in terms of Rule 6.49 (1) (c) on Wednesday, 12 November 2003. The Chairperson, Mr B. S. Nkosi, tabled a negotiating mandate on the Social Security Agency Bill as follows.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee attended a workshop by the National Assembly on the Social Security Agency Bill on Monday, 10 November 2003.

On Monday, 24 November 2003, the Committee received a briefing on the contents of the Bill from the permanent delegate in the NCOP, Ms L. Jacobus and senior officials from the Provincial Department of Social Services and Population Development. The Committee deliberated on the contents of the Bill.

The Committee received a briefing by the Department of Social Services and Population Development senior officials, Mr P. Lesufi and Mr G. Rees on Thursday, 22 January 2004.

The Committee adopted the negotiating mandate on Monday, 26 January 2004.

3. STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Social Services Portfolio Committee held a public hearing on both the Social Assistance Bill and the Social Security Agency Bill on Wednesday, 10 December 2003. The main purpose of the hearing was to engage with beneficiaries of social grants; social grant administrators; the Department of Social Services; as well as institutions caring for children, persons with disabilities and the aged to give their input and comment on the two Bills.

4. THE OBJECTIVES OF BILL

The Committee was informed that the main aim of the Bill was to:

- i. Provide for the establishment of the South African Social Security Agency as an agent for the administration and payment of social assistance;
- ii. Provide for the prospective administration and payment of social security by the Agency and the provision of services related thereto; and
- iii. Provide for matters connected therewith.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL FOR THE PROVINCE

The implementation of this Bill will have implications for the Gauteng Province in that the direct transfers of the Provincial Department of Social Services and Population Development will be reduced by 80%. The province will also have to transfer some of their assets to the Agency once it is established.

6. PRINCIPLE OF THE BILL

The Social Services and Population Portfolio Committee and the Gauteng Department of Social Services and Population Development support the principle and the detail of the Social Security Agency Bill [B51B - 2003].

7. NEGOTIATING POSITION ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee supports the principle and detail of the Bill.



Mr B S Nkosi
Chairperson: Social Services and Population Development Portfolio Committee
19 January 2003



SOCIAL SERVICES AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NEGOTIATING MANDATE

ON THE

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BILL [B57B-2003]
(Section 76)**

26 January 2004

1. INTRODUCTION

The Speaker formally referred the Social Assistance Bill [B57B-2003], a Section 76 Bill to the Social Services and Population Development Portfolio Committee for consideration and report in terms of Rule 6.49 (1) (c) on Friday, 14 November 2003. The Chairperson, Mr B. S. Nkosi, tabled a negotiating mandate on the Social Assistance Bill as follows.

2. PROCESS FOLLOWED

The Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee attended a workshop by the National Assembly on the Social Assistance Bill on Monday, 10 November 2003.

On Monday, 24 November 2003, the Committee received a briefing on the contents of the Bill from the permanent delegate in the NCOP, Ms L Jacobus and senior officials from the Provincial Department of Social Services and Population Development. The Committee deliberated on the contents of the Bill.

The Committee received a briefing by the Department of Social Services and Population Development senior officials, Mr P Lesufi and Mr G Rees on Thursday, 22 January 2004.

The Committee adopted the negotiating mandate on Monday, 26 January 2004.

3. STAKEHOLDERS AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Social Services Portfolio Committee held a public hearing on both the Social Assistance Bill and the Social Security Agency Bill on Wednesday, 10 December 2003. The main purpose of the hearing was to engage with beneficiaries of social grants; social grant administrators; the Department of Social Services; as well as institutions caring for children, persons with disabilities and the aged to give their input and comment on the two Bills.

4. THE OBJECTIVES OF BILL

The Committee was informed that the main aim of the Bill is to:

- i. Provide for financing of social assistance;
- ii. Provide for the administration and payment of social grants;
- iii. Make provision for social assistance and determine the eligibility requirements;
- iv. Provide for the administration of social assistance and payment of social grants;
- v. Ensure that minimum norms and standards are set for the delivery of social assistance; and
- vi. Provide for the establishment of an Inspectorate for Social Security.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE BILL FOR THE PROVINCE

The implementation of this Bill will have implications for the Gauteng Province in that the direct transfers of the Provincial Department of Social Services and Population Development will be reduced by 80% due to the establishment of the Social Security Agency Bill [B51B - 2003].

6. PRINCIPLE OF THE BILL

The Social Services and Population Portfolio Committee and the Gauteng Department of Social Services and Population Development supports the principle and the detail of the Social Assistance Bill [B57B - 2003].

7. NEGOTIATING POSITION ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee supports the principle and detail of the Bill.



Mr B S Nkosi

Chairperson: Social Services and Population Development Portfolio Committee
19 January 2003