

**DRAFT PROGRAM OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS, 2006

DATE	TIME	AGENDA	VENUE
02 August 2006	09h00- 13h00	Legislation [Social security]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the regulations to the Social Assistance Act. Included in the briefing would be reference to the establishment of the Inspectorate, as well as the effectiveness of the means test as a targeting mechanism. 	Inside Parliament
04 August 2006	09h00- 13h00	Policy [Social security]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the disability policy as it relates to social assistance, and the current position with regard to disability assessment and review processes. 	Inside Parliament
07-11 August 2006		Study tour to Australia: Social Security <i>The terms of reference for the tour are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at what oversight responsibility Parliament in Australia has over its centralized social security agency similar to our South African Social Security Agency (SASSA). • To see how the centralized social security agency relates to Parliament in Australia. • To interact with Members of Parliament in Australia on the future political, social and economic as well as strategic thinking in respect of its centralized social security agency. • To look at successes and shortcomings underpinning Australia's centralized social security agency. • Lessons from Australia for South Africa 	Away from Parliament
16 August 2006	09h00- 13h00	Policy [Social security]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by National Treasury on the financial outlook with regards to social assistance. Issues to be covered include the sustainability of the grants system, the consolidation of the different elements of the social security system and the role of the National Treasury in shaping the financial arrangements regarding the Agency, 	Inside Parliament

		provincial departments responsible for social development as well as the Inspectorate.	
18 August 2006	09h00-14h00	Public participation [Social security]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Presentation by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung on current social security challenges in South Africa. □ Presentation by the Black Sash on current social security challenges in South Africa. □ Possible presentations by disability rights organisations /HIV and AIDS rights organisations or an organisation of pension committees? Presentations could focus on the challenges beneficiaries experience with regard to application procedures, review processes and appeals. 	Inside Parliament
21-25 August 2006		Oversight [Social security]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Visits to pay points and the roll-out of SASSA's establishment in provinces – focusing on the rural and farm areas – possibly Limpopo; KZN; Eastern Cape. 	Away from Parliament
30 August 2006	09h00-13h00	Post visit action [Social Security]: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Meeting with the DSD on the oversight visit findings and observations. □ Committee to make recommendations in its report to the House. 	Inside Parliament
06 September 2006	09h00-13h00	Legislation: [Social Welfare Services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the progress made with regard to and costing of the Children's Bill; and □ Briefing by the DSD on the regulations to the Older Persons Bill as well as implementation strategy. 	Inside Parliament
08 September 2006	09h00-13h00	Legislation: [Social Welfare Services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the review of the substance abuse legislation; and □ Briefing by the DSD on legislation in development. 	Inside Parliament
13 September 2006	09h00-13h00	Legislation: [Social Welfare Services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Joint briefing by DSD and DoJ on the Child Justice Bill and the integrated justice system as it relates to children and youth in trouble with the law. 	Inside Parliament
15 September 2006	09h00-13h00	Policy: [Social Welfare Services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the entire range of policies with regard to children. This would include the strategy to protect children against 	Inside Parliament

		abuse and neglect, dealing with children in trouble with the law, and orphaned and vulnerable children	
22 September 2006	09h00-13h00	<p>Policy: [Social Welfare Services]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the policy framework for and implementation of the Early Childhood Development programme. □ Briefing by the DSD on the progress made with the disability policy, as well as implementation strategies related to this policy framework. 	Inside Parliament
11 October 2006	09h00-13h00	<p>Policy: [Social Welfare Services]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the guidelines for the rehabilitation of persons with substance dependencies. 	Inside Parliament
13 October 2006	09h00-13h00	<p>Policy: [Social Welfare Services]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on community based services for children, older persons and persons with disabilities. □ Briefing by the DSD on policy areas that are in development, indicating priorities and target dates for completion of policies. 	Inside Parliament
18 October 2006	09h00-13h00	<p>Service delivery: [Social welfare services]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by DSD and provincial Heads of Department responsible for social development with regard to the budget allocations to their departments, and their strategies for ensuring that provinces are able to deliver social welfare services. The Committee could invite all the provinces to do presentations over three days, providing it with a broad overview of issues of service delivery at provincial level. 	Inside Parliament
20 October 2006	09h00-13h00	<p>Service delivery: [Social welfare services]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the Service Delivery Model for social development services, as well as the implementation of the Policy on Financial Awards to Service Providers. □ Briefing by the DSD on the funding and monitoring of civil society organisations. 	Inside Parliament
25 October 2006	09h00-13h00	<p>Service delivery: [Social welfare services]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the issue of the development of capacity in the Department and at provincial level. Briefing should also pay attention to the question of the relationships between the different social development 	Inside Parliament

		professions and to attracting and people to the social development and related professions and retaining these people in the sector.	
27 October 2006	09h00-13h00	Public participation: [Social welfare services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Presentation by CINDI on its "ChildrenFIRST" journal following its 'Halala! CINDI Looking Back Living Forward' Conference which took place in Pietermaritzburg from 3 - 7 April 2006. 	Inside Parliament
30 October to 03 November 2006	09h00-13h00	Oversight: [Social welfare services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Visits to substance abuse rehabilitation centres and places of safety - Western Cape Province; Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal. 	Away from Parliament
08 November 2006	09h00-13h00	Post visit action: [Social welfare services] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Meeting with the DSD, DoJ and DCS to discuss oversight visit findings; and □ Committee to make recommendations in its report to the House. 	Inside Parliament
15 November 2006	09h00-14h00	Consideration of Annual Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Consideration of the DSD Annual Report 2005/06. □ Consideration of the NDA Annual Report 2005/06. □ Consideration of the SASSA Annual Report 2005/06. □ Briefing by the DSD on the 2006 Adjustments Estimates as it relates to Social Development both nationally and provincially. 	Inside Parliament
2007	09h00-13h00	Internal committee activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Consideration and Adoption of the Committee's Report on the annual reports of the DSD, NDA and SASSA □ Consideration and Adoption of the Committee's Annual Report - 2006 	Inside Parliament
2007	09h00-13h00	Development support: [Departmental programmes] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by DSD on the programme "Linking grant beneficiaries to income generating projects". Briefing also to reflect on progress made with developing an anti-poverty strategy. 	Inside Parliament
2007	09h00-13h00	Development support: [Departmental programmes] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Briefing by the DSD on the relationship between its youth development programme and programmes at provincial level. Briefing also to reflect on relationships with other youth development organisations and other government departments in this regard. 	Inside Parliament
2007	09h00-	Development support: [Departmental programmes]	Inside

	13h00	<input type="checkbox"/> Briefing by the DSD on its role in capacitating and deploying community development workers.	Parliament
2007	09h00-13h00	National Development Agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing by the NDA. Briefing to reflect on the role of the NDA as conduit of funding for development; its role as capacity building agent and its relationship with other development agencies; and <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing by DSD on its relationship with the NDA. 	Inside Parliament

THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTS THAT APPROVAL OF THE FRAMEWORK DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL FOR THE TRIPS ON THE PROGRAMME.

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Chairperson

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