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## MINISTERS BRIEFING NOTE ON SOCIAL SECURITY

### Trends in Beneficiaries by Grant Type

Grant Types	January-06	January-07	Growth in Beneficiaries	Average annual growth rate over period
Old Age	2,130,611	2,184,013	53,402	2.5
War Veterans	2,889	2,403	-486	-16.8
<b>Total Old Age Grants</b>	<b>2,133,500</b>	<b>2,186,416</b>	<b>52,916</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Permanent Disability	1,096,667	1,141,534	44,867	4.1
Temporary Disability	212,649	276,963	64,314	30.2
<b>Total Disability Grants</b>	<b>1,309,316</b>	<b>1,418,497</b>	<b>109,181</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Foster Care (children)	300,379	381,925	81,546	27.1
Care Dependency (children)	88,776	97,794	9,018	10.2
Child Support (children, total)	6,880,558	7,771,592	891,034	13.0
CSG (children, 0-6 years)	3,701,604	4,043,635	342,031	9.2
CSG (children, 7-8 years)	1,140,576	1,196,351	55,775	4.9
CSG (children, 9-10 years)	1,048,008	1,167,426	119,418	11.4
CSG (children, 11-13 years)	990,070	1,364,480	374,410	37.8
<b>Total Childrens Grants</b>	<b>7,269,713</b>	<b>8,251,311</b>	<b>981,598</b>	<b>13.5</b>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>10,712,529</b>	<b>11,856,224</b>	<b>1,143,695</b>	<b>10.7</b>

- Old Age Grants increased 2,5 per cent, as expected based on demographic increase of aged population
- War Veterans Grants decreased 16,8 per cent, as expected based on limited list of wars rendering eligibility for the grant.
- Permanent Disability Grants increased 4,1 per cent, as opposed to the 1 per cent increase in overall South African population
- Temporary Disability Grants increased dramatically, 30,2 per cent over the year
- Foster Child Grant increased 27,2 per cent, largely attributable to regional initiatives to reduce barriers in the courts, thus permitting more court orders
- Care Dependency has increased 10,2 per cent, with very small numbers

Paying the right social grant, to the right person, at the right time and place. NJALO!

- Child Support Grant has increased 37,8 per cent for the most recent roll out of 11—13 years, plus 9,2 per cent, 4,9 per cent, and 11,4 per cent for 0—6 years, 7—8 years, and 9—10 years respectively.

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TOTAL	4,726,739	4,818,371	4,783,383	4,803,881	4,851,523	4,929,609	4,891,190	4,922,939	4,973,891	4,943,003	4,864,453	0.5
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Institutional and Unclaimed Benefits should not be considered when reviewing growth, as they fluctuate regularly. The growth of Temporary Disability Grants expenditures reflects the similar growth in grant numbers. The same is true for a reduction in War Veterans Grants expenditures. The balance of the grants hover around 0,2 to 1,7 per cent monthly growth.

**EASTERN CAPE**

Care Dependency	350,828	352,254	350,570	351,888	351,570	351,337	351,465	350,896	351,584	349,855	351,225	0.0
Combination	2,018	2,011	2,033	2,111	2,134	2,244	2,328	2,456	2,521	2,535	2,239	2.6

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**FREE STATE**  
(R '000)

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	106,401	106,475	106,322	106,601	106,248	106,684	106,608	106,868	106,931	106,829	106,597	0.0
War Veterans	60	59	59	57	55	53	51	50	49	49	54	-2.2
Permanent Disability	83,122	84,075	81,976	81,457	81,844	81,739	81,926	81,630	81,440	80,960	82,017	-0.3
Temporary Disability	11,538	12,370	11,585	12,118	13,575	14,985	16,188	15,714	16,961	18,597	14,363	5.6
Foster Care	23,435	24,549	25,082	25,701	26,084	27,146	27,219	27,620	27,673	26,266	26,077	1.3
Care Dependency	3,073	3,096	3,179	3,128	3,116	3,219	3,216	3,216	3,240	3,324	3,181	0.9
Combination	513	467	483	481	497	514	536	532	535	551	511	0.9
Child Support	80,361	82,502	82,484	82,999	83,573	84,547	84,614	85,254	85,943	85,940	83,822	0.8
Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed Benefits	396	473	674	623	522	545	892	567	611	592	590	8.3
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>308,899</b>	<b>314,066</b>	<b>311,846</b>	<b>313,164</b>	<b>315,514</b>	<b>319,433</b>	<b>321,249</b>	<b>321,451</b>	<b>323,385</b>	<b>323,108</b>	<b>317,211</b>	<b>0.5</b>

Free State had a 5,6 per cent monthly growth in Temporary Disability Grants expenditure in line with the large growth in beneficiary numbers in the period to January 2007. The region indicated that a large number of these grants have been lapsed in February 2007.

**GAUTENG**  
(R '000)

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	212,572	212,862	213,390	214,191	214,293	216,876	214,381	215,124	215,547	214,750	214,399	0.1
War Veterans	559	555	543	536	521	506	505	492	489	492	520	-1.4
Permanent Disability	117,801	117,617	117,437	117,361	117,668	117,406	117,229	117,336	117,405	116,942	117,420	-0.1
Temporary Disability	24,873	25,556	25,104	26,764	29,493	30,849	27,900	28,484	28,396	28,809	27,623	1.8
Foster Care	23,246	24,260	24,820	24,779	26,652	27,533	27,190	28,059	29,520	28,113	26,417	2.2
Care Dependency	10,056	10,081	10,132	10,145	10,405	10,796	10,455	10,554	10,562	10,509	10,369	0.5
Combination	845	862	845	879	888	975	976	1,000	1,049	1,085	940	2.9
Child Support	167,245	167,870	168,682	170,854	172,001	174,263	174,810	175,717	177,505	175,684	172,463	0.6
Institutional	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	-4.1
Unclaimed Benefits	317	459	328	323	417	508	464	487	501	535	434	8.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>557,516</b>	<b>560,125</b>	<b>561,283</b>	<b>565,835</b>	<b>572,339</b>	<b>579,714</b>	<b>573,913</b>	<b>577,254</b>	<b>580,976</b>	<b>576,918</b>	<b>570,587</b>	<b>0.4</b>

Gauteng indicates no anomalies in expenditures.

**KWAZULU-NATAL**

(R '000)

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	364,175	368,283	364,381	365,878	367,886	369,329	367,999	367,320	367,691	367,097	367,004	0.1
War Veterans	354	350	354	345	338	327	326	320	315	311	334	-1.4
Permanent Disability	254,328	264,056	250,763	253,910	254,923	268,435	264,104	267,367	271,334	265,673	261,490	0.5
Temporary Disability	95,590	109,217	100,309	102,365	121,056	120,268	100,369	108,582	112,167	116,837	108,676	2.8
Foster Care	51,933	55,974	52,539	54,293	55,794	64,206	64,999	66,115	67,083	62,989	59,593	2.3
Care Dependency	21,319	22,580	21,419	22,196	23,211	23,338	24,004	24,386	25,656	24,510	23,262	1.6
Combination	2,454	2,383	2,492	2,663	2,600	2,634	3,090	3,078	3,341	3,277	2,801	3.4
Child Support	344,165	364,313	356,639	361,393	372,912	383,806	378,017	380,390	386,292	381,257	370,918	1.2
Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed Benefits	682	492	1,372	688	794	596	1,592	2,173	1,804	923	1,112	25.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,135,000</b>	<b>1,167,647</b>	<b>1,150,268</b>	<b>1,163,731</b>	<b>1,199,514</b>	<b>1,232,940</b>	<b>1,204,500</b>	<b>1,219,733</b>	<b>1,235,681</b>	<b>1,222,876</b>	<b>1,195,189</b>	<b>0.9</b>

KwaZulu-Natal may indicate extraordinarily high growth in beneficiary numbers, but this is not carried through as significantly in expenditures, partially due to backlogs being eliminated.

**LIMPOPO**

(R '000)

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	281,659	283,523	284,776	284,832	285,643	286,389	285,696	286,359	286,855	286,095	285,183	0.2
War Veterans	208	203	201	197	195	193	191	188	188	187	195	-1.2
Permanent Disability	69,855	70,989	71,174	70,981	71,050	71,951	71,927	72,023	72,505	72,325	71,478	0.4
Temporary Disability	13,736	14,493	14,634	14,812	14,730	14,137	14,549	14,860	16,720	16,961	14,963	2.5
Foster Care	20,650	21,582	23,451	22,773	22,904	23,877	23,972	24,576	25,201	23,474	23,246	1.5
Care Dependency	8,967	8,818	9,282	9,024	8,953	9,217	9,077	9,239	9,455	9,227	9,126	0.4
Combination	316	327	326	332	357	389	420	445	534	458	390	4.6
Child Support	234,692	238,001	237,311	237,211	239,627	242,962	241,413	242,876	245,368	242,792	240,225	0.4
Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed Benefits	695	1,226	750	1,195	851	1,275	1,266	792	1,237	621	991	9.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>630,777</b>	<b>639,162</b>	<b>641,906</b>	<b>641,356</b>	<b>644,308</b>	<b>650,391</b>	<b>648,512</b>	<b>651,359</b>	<b>658,062</b>	<b>652,141</b>	<b>645,797</b>	<b>0.4</b>

Limpopo has a large number of Temporary Disability Grants expired but in payment. Thus a small growth will nevertheless be seen in the expenditures. A large expenditure growth in Combination Grants (4,6 per cent) represents only a small absolute number, thus is not a significant growth indicator.

**MPUMALANGA**

**(R '000)**

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	126,060	125,990	126,841	126,184	125,896	126,107	126,157	126,815	126,770	127,316	126,414	0.1
War Veterans	81	79	77	78	76	81	73	71	72	71	76	-1.3
Permanent Disability	52,320	53,053	54,465	54,279	54,170	55,381	55,140	55,971	55,609	57,003	54,739	1.0
Temporary Disability	10,257	11,040	11,854	11,716	11,819	12,290	12,416	13,695	13,630	14,763	12,328	4.2
Foster Care	10,575	10,942	11,681	11,568	11,221	12,358	12,079	12,417	12,788	12,537	11,817	2.0
Care Dependency	3,779	3,829	3,848	3,857	3,858	3,926	3,910	4,026	3,996	4,172	3,920	1.1
Combination	174	166	185	223	187	189	191	196	236	200	195	2.3
Child Support	119,456	120,657	121,694	120,715	121,294	123,559	123,302	124,609	126,263	124,663	122,621	0.5
Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>322,702</b>	<b>325,757</b>	<b>330,447</b>	<b>328,620</b>	<b>328,521</b>	<b>333,890</b>	<b>333,268</b>	<b>337,802</b>	<b>339,364</b>	<b>340,726</b>	<b>332,110</b>	<b>0.6</b>

The high growth in Mpumalanga's expenditures for Temporary Disability Grants, at 4,2 per cent, mirrors the growth in beneficiary numbers in this regards.

**NORTH WEST**

**(R '000)**

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	157,464	160,404	159,053	159,829	158,882	159,562	160,414	160,388	160,197	160,297	159,649	0.2
War Veterans	93	83	83	81	77	76	77	77	75	72	79	-2.7
Permanent Disability	76,812	77,885	76,762	75,384	75,424	75,804	76,169	75,464	75,759	75,807	76,127	-0.1
Temporary Disability	21,375	21,119	22,448	21,388	21,437	23,796	24,869	26,356	28,061	28,556	23,941	3.4
Foster Care	18,266	20,128	19,629	18,348	18,718	20,072	20,168	20,476	21,179	20,136	19,712	1.2
Care Dependency	7,026	7,341	6,969	7,082	6,978	7,040	7,215	7,189	7,253	7,146	7,124	0.2
Combination	474	568	568	524	579	608	570	608	610	610	572	3.2
Child Support	121,928	130,234	125,954	125,736	125,883	128,902	126,937	129,456	128,411	128,043	127,148	0.6
Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed Benefits	513	806	433	713	427	661	467	472	706	667	587	11.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>403,951</b>	<b>418,568</b>	<b>411,900</b>	<b>409,085</b>	<b>408,406</b>	<b>416,521</b>	<b>416,886</b>	<b>420,485</b>	<b>422,250</b>	<b>421,334</b>	<b>414,939</b>	<b>0.5</b>

The high growth in North West's expenditures for Temporary Disability Grants (3,4 per cent) can be attributed to the same reason as Mpumalanga—a direct correlation to the increase in beneficiary numbers.

**NORTHERN CAPE**

(R '000)

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	36,619	36,631	36,744	37,017	36,929	36,893	36,878	36,779	36,953	36,762	36,820	0.0
War Veterans	89	88	88	87	86	83	80	80	80	80	84	-1.1
Permanent Disability	28,222	28,099	28,318	28,390	28,399	28,447	28,440	28,336	28,622	28,461	28,373	0.1
Temporary Disability	7,583	7,728	8,135	8,662	8,569	8,856	8,816	8,946	9,948	9,959	8,720	3.1
Foster Care	6,835	6,946	6,990	6,930	6,865	7,150	7,254	7,194	7,600	6,624	7,039	-0.2
Care Dependency	2,063	2,089	2,144	2,146	2,218	2,215	2,249	2,251	2,301	2,272	2,195	1.1
Combination	361	400	410	406	431	422	465	483	500	466	435	3.0
Child Support	23,509	23,701	24,148	24,266	24,417	24,914	24,788	24,814	25,508	24,913	24,498	0.7
Institutional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unclaimed Benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>105,281</b>	<b>105,682</b>	<b>106,977</b>	<b>107,904</b>	<b>107,913</b>	<b>108,980</b>	<b>108,970</b>	<b>108,882</b>	<b>111,513</b>	<b>109,537</b>	<b>108,164</b>	<b>0.4</b>

While Northern Cape does not exhibit large growth in beneficiary numbers for Temporary Disability, there is a larger than expected growth in expenditures in this grant type (3,1 per cent). The region has instituted a new procedure requiring an additional verification step, thus the first time payment at eventual approval would be expected to be higher, impacting on overall expenditures above.

**WESTERN CAPE**

(R '000)

Grant Type	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Average Monthly Expenditure	Average Monthly % Growth
Old Age	134,079	134,307	133,918	134,834	135,177	135,622	135,027	135,172	135,819	135,767	134,972	0.1
War Veterans	544	532	524	515	505	499	487	481	474	462	502	-1.8
Permanent Disability	90,730	90,872	91,019	91,679	91,780	92,028	91,931	91,985	92,319	92,546	91,689	0.2
Temporary Disability	29,375	28,315	30,193	29,760	30,340	31,797	31,190	30,764	32,045	32,892	30,667	1.3
Foster Care	16,128	16,500	16,713	16,990	16,919	17,003	17,076	17,378	17,696	16,447	16,885	0.3
Care Dependency	5,878	6,051	6,038	6,070	6,133	6,189	6,125	6,140	6,262	6,235	6,112	0.7
Combination	676	702	698	725	728	732	756	775	842	782	742	1.7
Child Support	84,950	86,221	87,263	87,184	88,481	89,197	88,967	89,725	91,849	91,747	88,560	0.9
Institutional	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	-2.9
Unclaimed Benefits	331	358	412	404	389	386	401	283	317	336	362	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>362,695</b>	<b>363,861</b>	<b>366,780</b>	<b>368,163</b>	<b>370,453</b>	<b>373,455</b>	<b>371,984</b>	<b>372,706</b>	<b>377,627</b>	<b>377,217</b>	<b>370,494</b>	<b>0.4</b>

Western Cape's expenditures follow the trends expected.

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