



**CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**Case CCT 48/17**

In the matter between:

**BLACK SASH TRUST**

**Applicant**

**FREEDOM UNDER LAW NPC**

**Intervening Party**

and

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

**First Respondent**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY**

**Second Respondent**

**SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIAL SECURITY AGENCY**

**Third Respondent**

**MINISTER OF FINANCE**

**Fourth Respondent**

**NATIONAL TREASURY**

**Fifth Respondent**

**CASH PAYMASTER SERVICES (PTY) LIMITED**

**Sixth Respondent**

**INFORMATION REGULATOR**

**Seventh Respondent**

**BATHABILE OLIVE DLAMINI**

**Eighth Respondent**

and

**CORRUPTION WATCH (NPC) RF**

**First Amicus Curiae**

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**DIRECTIONS DATED 7 NOVEMBER 2017**

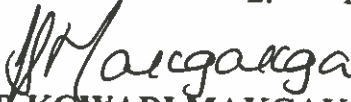
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Insofar as the Court retains jurisdiction to ensure proper compliance with the terms of its order dated 17 March 2017, the Chief Justice has issued the following directions:

1. The South African Social Security Agency (SASSA) is directed to—
  - a) forthwith and fully comply with any present or future request by the Panel of Experts (Panel) for access to information held by SASSA by providing to the Panel soft copies, clearly indexed, of documents containing the information requested within the timeframes stipulated by the Panel and, if unable to do so, to inform the Panel of the reasons for this within three working days of the request;
  - b) provide the Panel with appropriate and sufficient details on the process or processes undertaken by SASSA to obtain the services of service providers, including communications with the Office of the Chief Procurement Officer and any legal advice provided by SASSA's legal unit or outside lawyers, by 12 noon on Friday, 17 November 2017;
  - c) combine statistics and information of all mechanisms, or generated by all entities, involved in the payment of social grants in one consolidated document to be provided to the Panel on a monthly basis;
  - d) request that the Government Communication and Information System develop and implement a focused communications plan to inform current and potential beneficiaries/recipients of social grants of the implications of the transition and of the benefits of receiving their social grants via bank accounts provided by a commercial bank or financial institution of their choice;
  - e) report to the Court, on affidavit, each month as to the progress achieved in implementing a communications plan as described in paragraph (d);

- f) by Friday, 8 December 2017, report to the Court, on affidavit, as to SASSA's plan to effect the uninterrupted payment of social grants, specifying matters such as definite roles and responsibilities, precise timelines, dependencies, desired outcomes and risk-mitigation measures;
- g) after filing its plan in terms of paragraph (f) report to the Court, on affidavit, each month as to the progress achieved in implementing the plan, the steps taken to mitigate risks which could prevent the full execution of the plan and any other matters which ought to be brought to the attention of the Court;
- h) by Friday, 8 December 2017, report to the Court, on affidavit, as to SASSA's contingency plan if a seamless transition on 1 April 2018 is not realisable; and
- i) provide the Panel with appropriate and sufficient information on any steps taken to implement these directions.

2. Further directions may be issued.

  
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