DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTEMENT VAN MAATSKAPLIKE ONTWIKKELING

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IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGH COURT ORDER IN THE MATTER OF ACESS VS MINISTER OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- 1. On 19 March 2008, the High Court made an order directing the Minister of Social Development to publish a notice in the gazette setting out:
 - the number of applicants for the child support grant, the care- dependency grant and the foster child grant;
 - the number of such applications that were approved;
 - the number of applicants without an identity document and/or birth certificate; and,
 - how the applicants referred to above were dealt with.

Below is a table which reflects the information as required by the High Court. The dates are applicable to all the provinces.

Month	Grant type	Total number of applications	Total number of applications approved	Number identifica	
				Adults	Children
April '08	Child support grant	88 919		0	0
	Foster child grant	4 832		0	0
	Care dependency grant	990		0	0
May '08	Child support grant	83 025		0	0
	Foster child grant	5 671		0	0
	Care dependency grant	925		0	0
June '08	Child support grant	77 065	222	230	425

Month	Grant type	Total number of applications	Total number of applications approved	Number without identification*	
				Adults	Children
	Foster child grant	5 516	1	1	0
	Care dependency grant	856	0	0	5
	Child support grant	90 780	343	353	607
July '08	Foster child grant	6 104	3	3	0
	Care dependency grant	981	1	0	3
	Child support grant	83 833	377	388	626
August '08	Foster child grant	4 948	2	2	0
	Care dependency grant	857	0	1	4
	Child support grant	84 838	436	445	741
September '08	Foster child grant	4 616	0	0	0
	Care dependency grant	886	1	1	4

- * Figures have been provided for both adults and children, as the situation may arise that the care-giver (adult) has an identity document, but the child does not, or the child has a birth certificate but the care-giver has no identity book.
- 2.5 No statistics are available for April and May 2008, as the alternative identification process was only approved and implemented with effect from 1 June 2008.

2.6 The number of applicants referred to Home Affairs to lodge applications for identity documents and/or birth certificates and the numbers of applicants who had proof of having applied for these documents are indicated below:

Month	Applicants Home Affairs	referred to	Applicants with proof of application for identity documents on application		
	Adults	Children	Adults	Children	
April ' 08	0	0	0	0	
May '08	0	0	0	0	
June '08	173	366	58	64	
July '08	263	519	94	93	
August '08	304	582	87	48	
Sept '08	359	702	87	42	

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