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### **SASSA TO APPRISE GPL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ON RATIONALE TO CLOSE CASH PAY POINTS IN GAUTENG**

The Gauteng Legislatures Portfolio Committee on Social Development has invited the South African Social Services Agency (SASSA) to report on its intention to close some of its Cash Pay Points in Gauteng.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, 16 November 2023 at the Saul Tsoetsi Sports Center in Sebokeng, and will be open to the public who are the recipients of government services.

SASSA will apprise the Committee and citizens on the rationale to close down some of its cash pay points, as well as provide requisite details on alternative pay methods and contingencies to mitigate potential inconveniences to grant recipients. The meeting will also afford the Gauteng Department of Social Development a platform to answer questions from the Committee and citizens in relation to its performance in the second quarter of 2023/24.

As part of its oversight role, the Committee reviews the Department's quarterly performance reports and summons its relevant authorities and officials to account for every cent spent from the public purse. This work is important towards ensuring that all public funds are spent on service delivery needs and priorities of Gauteng communities.

Citizens are invited to similar meetings where different Committees of the Legislature review performance reports of Provincial Government Departments, and engage with authorities who must account for any inefficiencies and wasteful & fruitless spend.

Media is invited to attend and cover the meeting taking place as follows:

**Date & time:** 16 November 2023 @ 10am

**Venue:** Saul Tsotetsi SportsCenter in Sebokeng ([Directions](#))

Alternatively, catch the meeting live on the Legislature's social pages:

**YouTube:** [https://youtube.com/live/AOsV6fo3Q\\_c?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/AOsV6fo3Q_c?feature=share) or

**Facebook:** <https://fb.me/e/3ZsoV3H5k>

Meeting documents and presentations can be accessed on the GPL website:

<https://www.gpl.gov.za/socdev-16nov23/>

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