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GOVERNMENT NOTICE**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT****No. 294****31 March 2006****INCREASE IN RESPECT OF SOCIAL GRANTS**

The Minister for Social Development has, in terms of the Social Assistance Act, 1992 (Act No. 59 of 1992), as amended, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, announced an increase in social grants.

The new maximum monthly amounts are as follows:

| <i>Type of grant</i> | <i>Old amount</i> | <i>New amount</i> |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Old age | R780 | R820 |
| War veterans | R780 + R18 | R820 + R18 |
| Disability | R780 | R820 |
| Care dependency | R780 | R820 |
| Foster child | R560 | R590 |
| Grant-in-aid | R170 | R180 |
| Child support grant | R180 | R190 |

The increase will come into effect on 1 April 2006.


MINISTER FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**DATE: 24/03/2006**