AGENCY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION ACT, 2011

(Act 25 of 2011)

I assent

J. A. Michel
President

22nd December, 2011

AN ACT to establish an Agency for Social Protection to provide for the granting of Social Welfare assistance to persons of insufficient means and to administer payment of benefits, establishment of Review Panel and repeal the Social Welfare Agency Act, 2008 and provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

ENACTED by the President and the National Assembly.

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Agency for Social Protection Act, 2011.
PART II – AGENCY FOR SOCIAL PROTECTION

3. There is hereby established for the purpose of this Act an Agency for Social Protection.

4. The objects of the Agency shall be to ensure efficient and effective management, administration and payment of social assistance.

5. The functions of the Agency shall be to—

(a) administer social assistance;

(b) administer payment of benefits in accordance with the Social Security Act, 2010;

(c) collect, collate, maintain and administer and analyse information necessary for the payment of social assistance;

(d) maintain records for reconciliation of transfer payments;

(e) maintain a national data base of all applicants for, and beneficiaries of social assistance; and

(f) establish a compliance mechanism to ensure that the integrity of the social assistance system is maintained.

PART III - THE BOARD

6.(1) The affairs of the Agency shall be managed by a Board of seven Members appointed by the President and shall consist of—

(a) a representative of the Ministry responsible for Social Affairs;