



### People qualifying for grants are:

- ◆ South African citizens or permanent residents
- ◆ residents in South Africa at the time of application
- ◆ males, 65 years or older
- ◆ females, 60 years or older
- ◆ not maintained by or cared for, in state institutions
- ◆ not receiving other social grants
- ◆ in possession of a 13-digit bar-coded identity document
- ◆ in possession of a medical certificate in case of disability
- ◆ war veterans who fought in the Second World War or the Korean War

# ZERO TOLERANCE for social grant fraud

By Justice Mohale

**G**overnment workers who receive social grants illegally should come clean.

This is a message from the Department of Social Development to government workers who have been receiving grants illegally.

The department's external director of communications Kgati Sathekge said the government was losing R7, 3 million a month

because of corrupt officials.

"We have now adopted zero tolerance against anyone misusing public funds. We are prepared to root out corrupt practices," he said.

### ■ Special investigation

In 2005, the Department of Social Development established the Special Investigating Unit to investigate public servants who illegally received social grants.

Sathekge said public servants who were illegally benefiting from the department's social grants scheme prevented the government