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Hon. Yunus Carrim
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Parliament of South Africa
Cape Town

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Dear Yunus

ESKOM PAYMENT – SECT 16 OF PFMA

On the 2nd of April 2019 the Minister of Finance invoked section 16 of the Public Finance and Management Act (PFMA) in order to make an emergency allocation of R17,652 billion to Eskom which Minister Mboweni states;
"In its current form, South Africa's state-owned power utility is not financially sustainable, nor can it meet the country's electricity needs."

The liquidity crisis at Eskom is clearly much worse than we have been led to believe and the potential consequences on the South African economy are so severe that I believe that there is an urgent need for parliament to intervene.

I therefore request that you call an urgent meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance, preferably jointly with the Standing Committee on Appropriations and the Portfolio Committee of Public Enterprises in order to receive a detailed briefing from the Minister of Finance and from Eskom on the liquidity crisis at Eskom. In addition the briefing must include details of further funding to ensure that Eskom does not grind to a halt and bring the South African economy to its knees.

I look forward to your favourable consideration of my request.

Yours faithfully,

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