

WRITTEN REPLY

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Dr R Viranna (DA) to ask the MEC for Health:

Regarding Eskom load shedding and Health facilities:

1. Do all Hospitals in KwaZulu-Natal have functioning generators

Yes

1.1 If not, which Hospitals do not have functional generators;

1.2 If not, what alternative plans have been implemented;

1.3 How often are these generators serviced and/or maintained;

Twice a year 1 minor service and 1 major service.

1.4 How often are fuel levels monitored at facility level?

Once a week

1.5 Have all generators at Health facilities been serviced/maintained as per 1.1; and

All generators have been serviced however there were exceptional cases where delays were experienced due to poor response from prospective bidders especially on remotely located institutions.

1.6 If not, why not?

2. Does the Department have a provincial contract for diesel provision for Hospital generators;

There is no Provincial Departmental contract in place, an approval was granted by National Treasury for KZN DOH to participate into the National Contract known as RT70/2014, currently extended until end of September 2020.

2.1 If so, who is the contractor;

The contractor is Iconic Ventures (PTY) LTD as the approved contractor for KZN.

2.2 If so, what budget is allocated for fuel provision; and

R 67, 3 Million (Includes oil, lubricants, heavy furnace oil for boilers and diesel for generators).

2.3 If not, how does each individual facility procure fuel?

Diesel is procured via the National Contract - RT70-2014. Some institutions experienced difficulties where the approved suppliers came up with a condition that they will not supply unless the quantity ordered is of a certain minimum volume in terms of the litres. Due to the size of their diesel tanks these facilities did not meet the requirement of the minimum volumes and were therefore denied

supply by these companies. The institutions approached SCM requesting a deviation to purchase outside the contract which was approved.

3. Are there any facilities that still use coal to power generators [Please provide list]

No

3.1. What provisions have been put in place in terms of fuel provision?

The Department will continue to procure from the National Contract.

Thank you



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