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Dear Madam Speaker,

RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 036

Legislature Question 5 COGTA 036 posed by Member A Randall of the Democratic Alliance.

COGTA036.

The result of loadshedding is that sub-stations can trip, old cable joints that can't handle the load will explode, and switches can fail along with various other issues that plague local government infrastructure. The switchgear electricity infrastructure that has been built in municipalities across the country is simply not designed to be turned off and on multiple times during the course of the day. Municipal electricians sometimes have to work around the clock to resolve issues, often having to seek external assistance. Can the MEC please indicate the following:

Question i

Per municipality what the impact of loadshedding is on damage to local government infrastructure for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years?

Response:

The challenges associated with loadshedding are generally common to each municipality, please see attached responses per municipality in relation to the response to question the question posed.

Question ii

How Provincial and National Government have been assisting local government to address the additional financial burden of repairs and replacement of infrastructure such as sub stations, cables and switches?

Response

Provincial Government has encouraged municipalities to reprioritise available funding to cover the cost of repairs and replacement of infrastructure damage as a result of loadshedding.

Question iii

If no assistance has been offered to date, please explain what strategic plan/s are in place to assist local governments with the financial burden placed upon them by damages caused on mainly their electrical infrastructure by loadshedding?

Response

Currently is there is not plan for financial support to municipalities.

Question iv

Please indicate if details of hotspot areas with regards to failing infrastructure in Gauteng municipalities exists, in order to prioritize funding for replacement or repairs; and

Response

Not at Provincial government level, however, the following municipalities have identified hotspots:

Municipality	Hotspot register exists? (Failing infrastructure) Yes or No
Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality	The City of Ekurhuleni Energy department has a Network Interruption Performance Statistics (NIPS) report where all High Voltage and Medium Voltage network failures are recorded for each month.
Randwest City	Damaged substations require urgent repairs, and the Municipality is in process to eradicate the Eskom debt. Drowell substation repair cost is R6 357 287.92. Lafarge/Finsbury substation cost is R47 394 959.72

Question v

If answer to question (iv) is no, please explain why not?

Response

There is no funding to support the repairs and replacement of this infrastructure.



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