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Dear Madam Speaker

RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. PR015 TABLED BY MEMBER P ATKINSON OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

The matter of question 5. PR015 from the Gauteng Provincial Legislature refers.

The above-mentioned question tabled to me as Premier falls within the responsibility of the MEC for Human Settlement and Infrastructure Development.

I have directed the question to the respective Member of the Executive Council.

Appended hereto please find response from the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Human Settlement and Infrastructure Development to question 5 PR015 tabled by Member P Atkinson of the Democratic Alliance (DA).

Yours sincerely,

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RESPONSE TO LEGISLATURE QUESTION 5. PR015 FOR WRITTEN REPLY TABLED BY MEMBER P ATKINSON OF THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE (DA)

With regard to the ability of the Gauteng Provincial Government to function optimally during loadshedding, could the Premier please indicate the following:

(i) the number of provincial government departments that have backup generators.

Response:

The total number provincial government occupied buildings that have backup generators is 40.

(ii) please provide a list of the provincial government departments that have backup generators.

Response:

The list of provincial government departments-owned buildings with back-up generators is provided as follows:

- 1. 29 Simonds Street
- 2. 63 Commissioner
- 3. 33 Symonds Street
- 4. 63 President Street
- 5. 75 Fox Street
- 6. 78 Fox Street

- 7. 30 Symonds
- 8. 11 Janadel Avenue, Midrand

b. Response:

List of provincial government departments buildings (regional offices) with back-up generators is provided as follows:

- 1. Sedibeng Regional Office
- 2. Springs Regional Offices
- 3. 66 Voortrekker Road
- 4. Tulisa Park Region Office
- 5. Westhoven Regional Offices
- 6. West Rand Health Regional Offices
- 7. Koedoespoort Regional Office
- 8. Temba Drivers' License Testing Centre (not operational)
- 9. Mabopane Drivers' License Testing Centre
- 10. Kagiso Drivers' License Testing Centre
- 11. Springs Regional Office

c. Response:

List of provincial government departments buildings (leased buildings) with back-up generators is provided as follows:

- 1. 26 Loveday Street
- 2. 30 Loveday Street
- 3. 55 Fox Street
- 30 Raheema Moosa Street
- 5. 56 Eloff Street
- 6. 25 Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Street
- 7. No 6 Hollard Street
- 8. 18 Rissik Street
- 9. 35 Rissik Street
- 10. 11 Diagonal Street
- 11. 124 Main Street Building
- 12. No 65 Ntemi Piliso (Turbine Hall)
- 13. Corner Pretorius and Lillian Ngoyi, Tshwane.
- 14. 45 Commissioner Standard bank building
- 15. President Towers, 265 Pretorius St. Pretoria Central. Pretoria
- 16. Corner Joubert & Kruger Street, Vereeniging
- 17, 40 Hood Street

- 18. 41 Fox
- 19. Corner Pretorius and Lillian Ngoyi, Tshwane.
- 20. 16 3rd Street Springs.
- 21. Cinema Building Farm 97
- (iii) please provide a list of the provincial government departments that do not have backup generators.

Response:

A list a list of the provincial government departments that do not have backup generators is summarized as follows:

- 1. Ga-Rankuwa Regional Offices
- 2. Heidelberg Regional Office
- 3. Vereeniging Regional Office
- 4. Benoni Regional Office
- 5. Bronkhorstspruit Regional Office
- 6. Hammanskraal Regional Office
- 7. Krugersdorp Regional Office
- 8. Vereeniging Regional Office
- 9. Springs Regional Office
- 10. Gauteng District Health Services-Central Wits Region
- 11. Hospital Board of Johannesburg
- 12. Gauteng Education District Office
- 13. Gauteng Department of Education Central Region
- 14. Biodiversity-Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve
- 15. Biodiversity-Marievale
- Biodiversity-Alice Glöckner
- 17. Biodiversity-Roodeplaat
- 18. Biodiversity-Youth Centre
- 19. Biodiversity-Abe Bailey
- 20. Biodiversity-Leeuwfontein
- 21. 36 Merriman str, Vereeniging.
- 22. Portion 43 Middelvlei 255 IQ Randfontein
- 23. Corner Pretorius & Lillian Ngoyi Tshwane
- 24. President Towers, 265 Pretorius St, Pretoria Central, Pretoria

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- 25. 2 Robin Close, Meyersdal
- 26. 108 Fox Street
- 27. Krugersdorp Regional Office
- 28. Randfontein Regional Office
- 29. No 5 Rente Street Xavier Junction Ormonde

(iv) the number of provincial government department buildings that are fitted with solar panels.

Response:

There are no provincial government buildings that have been installed with solar panel as the project is still at planning stage.

(v) the number of provincial government department buildings that are not fitted with solar panels; and

Response:

All GPG buildings are not fitted with Solar energy source.

(vi) which departments are able to continue working during loadshedding as a result of having backup power.

Response:

The following Departments are able to work during load shedding subject to their business continuity arrangement or requirements:

- 1. Department of Infrastructure Development.
- 2. Department Roads and Transport.
- 3. Department of Sports, Arts, Culture and recreation.
- 4. Department of Human Settlement
- 5. E-Government Department
- 6. Department of Education
- 7. Department of Economic Department
- 8. Gauteng Provincial Treasury
- 9. Office of the Premier
- 10. Department of Health
- 11. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
- 12. Department of Community Safety
- 13. Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs
- (vii) which departments are not able to continue working during loadshedding as a result of not having backup power;

Response:

Department of Social Development

(viii) the budget for backup power for the current financial year; and

Response:

R10 million is allocated in the current financial year.

(ix) by when will all provincial government departments will be equipped with backup power?

Response:

The Departments without standby power will be prioritised as part of the first phase before the end of the 2023-2024 Financial year.

(x) what was the total amount budgeted for this research, in rands and cents; and

Response:

Not applicable.

(xi) why exactly is it not feasible for any of the dams to be used for hydroelectricity; Response:

Please outline specific reasons? Feasibility or prefeasibility study will need to be conducted to inform a position on the matter. However, normally hydrological power generation plants need to be built for intended outcome. Retrofitting is not a common due to complexity.

Department of Water and Sanitation is the one that can assist with details on the Hydrological Services.

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