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Good day

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REF: Request for Infrastructure Upgrade plans, budgets and the implementation plans including timeframes for the upgrade of infrastructure to address failing infrastructure at Municipalities to eliminate the extent of cable theft , cable faults and the interruption of electricity supply out of loadshedding times.

Secondly a constructive plan for the provision of generators at all reservoirs and , water feeder systems that will assist in ensuring an uninterrupted supply of water to residents as continuous power outages are not allowing these reservoirs and water feeds and systems to pump water thus affecting the continuous supply of water to residents, businesses, schools , clinic's and households.

Thank you for the attending the National Portfolio Committee of COGTA to address the 2 petitions from Benoni residents - 1 for water interruptions and the 2nd was for constant power outages outside the loadshedding times.

I am writing to request that you provide me with follow up reports from the City of Ekurhuleni with regard to discussions and action plans to address the issues raised in the 2 petitions.

With regard to the water petition – the plans to provide generators to all Reservoirs and water feeds and systems providing water to residents , businesses, schools, etc.

With regard to the constant power outages ---- sometimes residents have to endure many hours of power outages out of loadshedding times. Residents and businesses have to endure days of

no power and there are some senior citizens that rely on oxygen tanks that actually can't recharge these tanks due to no power at all. This is costing lives and livelihoods.

Discussions on infrastructure upgrades were very relevant- I hereby, request these infrastructure upgrade plans with budgets and implementation plans from the Gauteng Province and the CoE as requested at the meeting / petition hearing.

I, hereby, request a report from the City of Ekurhuleni on timeframes and budgets for the installation of generators at ALL reservoirs , Water Towers and water feeds and systems throughout the City of Ekurhuleni and the upgrade of water pipes, etc.

Secondly a full report on infrastructure upgrade plans with budgets and timeframes to ensure a constant supply of power outside of loadshedding times(cable faults ,cable theft , etc)

Please if these plans can be emailed to me.

Residents in the City of Ekurhuleni face significant challenges accessing water when the supply is interrupted by power cuts due to loadshedding.

Residents have petitioned both the CoE and Parliament for a targeted intervention to address the issue of power and water outages, it is unfortunate that despite efforts by residents to seek a quick resolution to the issue, there has been no practical intervention at City level to resolve it.

As a Member of Parliament and the Constituency Head for Benoni in the City of Ekurhuleni , I have taken it upon myself to seek answers on their behalf.

In section 27 of the Bill of Rights it is stated that: "Everyone has the right to have access to sufficient food and water... The state must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realisation of these rights." The continued failure to address the water challenges is a direct infringement on the residents of Ekurhuleni.

The supply of electricity is essential to households, business, schools and health facilities

I look forward to hearing from your office.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

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