



**TO : HANSARD AND HOUSE BUSINESS**  
**FROM : MEC FOR COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**  
**SUBJECT : RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 09 OF IQP 1 FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**Mr L Kruger to ask the MEC responsible for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

*With regard to the unplanned electricity outages in the Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM):*

QUESTION(S)	ANSWER(S)
1. Whether he can kindly provide the top five reasons as to why the municipality allegedly encounters unplanned electricity outages:	1. Theft (i.e., Cables, Conductors etc.) 2. Vandalism (i.e., Burning of kiosks, illegal connections) 3. Deferred replacement of historically stolen network cables 4. Deferred routine maintenance. 5. Normal operation network faults.
2. how many unplanned electricity outages has the BCMM endured over the (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24 and (iii) current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	2022/23 – 522 2023/24 – 548 2024/25 – 443
3. whether he can kindly provide the top five areas within the BCMM which experienced the highest levels of unplanned electricity outages:	Leaches Bay Nompumelelo Mzamomhle Duncan Village Buffalo Flats  These areas are continuously affected by either illegal connections, Vandalism and/or theft.
4. what is the total amount of hours experienced of unplanned electricity outages for the above-mentioned financial years as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	2022/23 – 41366 hrs 2023/24 – 34246 hrs 2024/25 – 7800 hrs
6. (a) how much (a) has the municipality budgeted and (b) was the actual expenditure for electricity maintenance for the financial years mentioned above as at the latest specified date for which information is available;	A) Budgeted 2022/23: R 40 495 734 Budgeted 2023/24: R 48 957 840  B) Actual Spend 2022/23: R 48 957 840 Actual Spend 2023/24: R 53 036 890 <b>budget and actual to-date for 2024/25 fy not</b>

	provided and this will be furnished once received from the municipality
7. what is the average response time and/or turnaround when dealing with unplanned electricity outages;	2022/23 – 79.25 hrs 2023/24 – 62.49 hrs 2024/25 – 17.61 hrs
8. how many personnel does his Department have on standby to deal with unplanned outages for (a) day shift and (b) night shift?	a) Coastal Region: 25 Inland Region: 20 b) Coastal Region: 25 Inland Region: 20