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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mr S Tambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Health:**

With reference to the rolling electricity black-outs that have had an adverse impact on the healthcare sector as well as reports that some healthand care facilities are impacted causing untold harm to patients, what (a) total number of (i) hospitals, (ii) clinics and (iii) healthcare facilities in the public sector are impacted by load shedding and (b) are the (i) names and (ii) locations of the affected facilities? **NW1091E**

**REPLY:**

(a)-(b) All health facilities have been affected by the load-shedding across the country and some core services, especially surgical interventions often have to be rescheduled. Fortunately, all hospitals have two back-up suppliers (e.g. generators and Uninterrupted Power Suppliers for theatres and ICU’s) and most of the Community Health Centres have one back-up supplier (e.g. generators). These back-up suppliers have assisted in reducing the impact of load-shedding and preventing untold harm to the patients. All health facilities are continuously adapting to ensure that they function optimally.

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