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**Ms L H Arries (EFF) to ask the Minister of Communications and Digital**

**Technologies:**

What is the total number of Post Offices that have alternative sources of energy to ensure that services to our elderly people continue irrespective of load shedding? **NW 1317E**

**Reply**

The total number of standby generators at SA Post Office sites is 32 across all provinces. Post Office branches within shopping centres make use of the centre’s generators during loadshedding. Other standalone sites are not equipped with emergency generators.

Post Office branches are able to continue providing services in an offline situation during loadshedding. They are able to process transactions on a manual basis and capture these as soon as power is restored and the branch goes online again. Mail delivery and acceptance can also continue during loadshedding.

**Thank You.**