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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**Mrs E R Wilson (DA) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) (a) What total number of mortuaries in the Republic are adequately equipped to deal with load shedding to prevent bodies from decomposing and (b) what are the details of how they are equipped to deal with load shedding;

(2) whether all bodies at each mortuary in the Republic are refrigerated; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) whether any of the mortuaries in the Republic experience problems with regard to space and/or refrigeration facilities; if so, in each case, what is the (a) name of the mortuary and (b)(i) province and (ii) town and/or city in which the specified mortuary is situated;

(4) what (a) are the names of the mortuaries that experience shortages of (i) generators and (ii) fuel supply and (b) is the (i) province and (ii) town and/or city in which each specified mortuary is situated? **NW1538E**

**REPLY:**

1. (a) All mortuaries, Forensic and hospitals are adequately equipped to deal with loadshedding to prevent bodies from decomposing.
2. All Forensic mortuaries have a backup generator capacity and hospital

mortuaries are linked also to the generator capacity of the hospital.

(2) Yes all bodies at both mortuaries are refrigerated.

(3) Table 1 below responds to Forensic pathology mortuaries with space and/or refrigeration challenges.

Table 1:

| **(i) Province**  | **(3)(a) Names of mortuaries that have specific issues with space and/or refrigeration facilities** | **(2)(b)(ii)** **In which town/city**  |
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| **Eastern Cape** | 7 Mortuaries; Mthatha, Lusikisiki, Mount Frere, Bizana, New Brighton, Mount Road and Gelvandale potential to experience space issues related to unclaimed bodies. | Mthatha FPS is in MthataLusikisiki is in LusikisikiMount Frere is in Mount FrereBizana is in BizanaNew Brighton is in Port ElizabethMount Road is in Port ElizabethGelvandale is in Port Elizabeth |
| **Free State** | None  | Not applicable |
| **KwaZulu-Natal**  | 10 Mortuaries: Port Shepstone, Harding, Estcourt, Newcastle, Madadeni, Nongoma, Vryheid,New Hanover, Richmond and Ladysmith have potential refrigerator challenges related to unclaimed bodies. Ladysmith has also space challenge | Port Shepstone FPS is in Port ShepstoneHarding FPS is in HardingNew Hanover FPS is in New Hanover Vryheid FPS is in VryheidRichmond FPS is in RichmondLadysmith FPS is in LadysmithMadadeni FPS is in MadadeniNongoma FPS is in NongomaEstcourt FPS is in Estcourt  |
| **Gauteng** | 3 Mortuaries: Roodepoort, Diepkloof and Johannesburg and have a potential space challenge due to increased intake.4 Mortuaries: Heidelberg,Sebokeng, Springs and Pretoria have a potential refrigerator challenge due to increased intake. | Roodepoort FPS is in Roodepoort Diepkloof FPS is in Diepkloof Johannesburg FPS is in Hillbrow.Heidelberg FPs is in HeidelbergSebokeng FPS is in SebokengSprings FPS is in SpringsPretoria FPS is in Pretoria. |
| **Limpopo** | 2 Mortuaries: Tshilidzini and Mokopane have space challenge due to unclaimed bodies. | Tshilidzi FPS is in Thohoyandou.Mokopane FPS is in Mokopane |
| **Mpumalanga** | 5 Mortuaries: Themba, Ermelo, Kwa Mhlanga, Lydenburg and Tintswalo have refrigerator challenges.  | Themba FPS is in NelspruitErmelo FPS is in ErmeloKwa Mhlanga FPS is in Kwa MhlangaLydenburg FPS is in LydenburgTintswalo is in Acornhoek  |
| **Northern Cape** | 4 Mortuaries: De Aar, Portmansburg, Hartswater, Douglas FPS have challenges with refrigerators due to loadshedding surges. This led to Kimberley FPS reaching its maximum capacity in terms of storage space | De Aar FPS is in De AarHartswater FPS is in HartswaterDouglas FPS is in DouglasPostmansburg FPS is in PostmansburgKimberley FPS is in Kimberley |
| **Northwest** | 2 Mortuaries: Mafikeng and Lichtenburg have space challenge due to inadequate infrastructure.  | Mafikeng FPS is in Mafikeng Lichtenburg FPS is in Lichtenburg  |
| **Western Cape** | 2 Mortuaries: Laingsburg has a space challenge. Ceres has a refrigerator challenge | Laingsburg FPS is in Laingsburg Ceres FPS is in Ceres town  |

(4) Table 2 below responds to Forensic pathology mortuaries with generators and fuel supply challenges.

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| **(i) Province**  | **(4)(a)(i)(ii)****names of the mortuaries that have generators, and fuel supply** | **(4)(b)(ii)****in which town and/or city and province is each specified mortuary located?**  |
| Eastern Cape | None | Not applicable |
| Free State | Phuthaditjhaba FPS Mortuary problems with electricity supply and vandalisms, using adjacent hospitals (Phekolong and Dihlabeng) for storage | Phuthaditjhaba FPS is in Phuthaditjhaba |
| KwaZulu Natal | Pinetown FPS needs generator that will supply power to the whole facility.Phoenix, Port Shepstone,Pietermaritzburg, Ladysmith, Dundee and Kokstad facilities experience fuel shortages sometime | Pinetown FPS is in PinetownPhoenix FPS is in PhoenixPort Shepstone FPS is in Port ShepstonePietermaritzburg FPS is in PietermaritzburgLadysmith FPS is in LadysmithDundee FPS is in DundeeKokstad FPS is in Kokstad |
| **Gauteng** | None  | Not applicable |
| **Limpopo** | None | Not applicable |
| **Mpumalanga** | None | Not applicable |
| **Northern Cape** | None | Not applicable |
| **Northwest** | None | Not applicable |
| **Western Cape** | None | Not applicable  |

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