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**Mr C Mackenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunication and Postal Services:**

(1)   With reference to his reply to question 983 on 21 April 2016, (a) what are the detailed reasons why the Road Traffic Infringement Agency owes R39 374 828,78 to the SA Post Office for more than 120 days and (b) what steps are being taken to recover the specified outstanding amount;

(2)     Whether any interest is being charged on the specified outstanding amount; if not, why not; if so, what (a) amount of interest has been incurred on the specified outstanding amount to date and (b) are the further relevant details? NW1527E

**REPLY**

**SAPO has advised me as follows:**

1. (a) The reason why the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) owes the South African (SAPO) R39, 374, 828.78 for more than 120 days is due to the dispute over service level as a result of the prolonged and illegal strike that paralyzed operations.

(b) On 08 April 2016, the SAPO GCEO and RTIA CEO/Administrator held a meeting in which a technical committee consisting of the Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC), Tshwane Metro Police Department (TMPD), Johannesburg Metro Police Department (JMPD) and the Road Traffic infringement Agency (RTIA), was established to resolve payments and other strike related issues. The committee meets on a weekly basis to discuss progress and outstanding matters.

1. (a) Interest charged on outstanding amount in September 2014 was R2, 242.22, and in March 2015 was 2,969.66. Since then, interest has been suppressed due to the dispute declared by RTIA and JMPD.

(b) Therefore, there are no further details at this stage.