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**WRITTEN REPLY**

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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 City of Johannesburg owes R25 968 523,32 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?

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**REPLY**

**SAPO has advised me as follows:**

1. (a-b) Although the amount of R25, 968, 523.32 is attributed to the City of Johannesburg technically, it is its Agency, JMPD that owes SAPO. The reason why JMDP owes SAPO 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.
2. (a-b) Interest has been suppressed due to the dispute declared by JMPD.