

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 1619**

Ms N W A Mazzone (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises: (a) What amount is currently owed by municipalities to Eskom, (b) which municipalities (i) have unpaid accounts and (ii) does Eskom have payment arrangements with and (c) what amount of the debt owed by municipalities is older than three years?

**REPLY:**

**(a)**

R20 061 454 892 is the total debt owed to Eskom by municipalities as at 31 March 2018. This includes the total overdue debt of R13 569 922 454.

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**(b)(i)(ii)(iii)**

Annexure A provides a list of municipalities with accounts in arrears and indicates municipalities that had payment arrangements with Eskom as at 31 March 2018.

**(c)**

R455 million.

It is to be noted that this amount in based on the top 20 defaulting municipalities, which make up about 92% of the total arrears amount, as at 31 March 2018.

The risk of prescription is limited due to it being interrupted by a by court order; summons; and /or acknowledgement of debt i.e. payment arrangements.

Table 1 provides details of debt owed by the top 20 defaulting municipalities, as at 31 March 2018.

Table 1: Debt owed by the Top 20 defaulting municipalities

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| Top 20 defaulting municipalities  | Total Debt (R’M) | 0 to 90 days | >90 days <= 1yr | >1yr but <= 2yr | >2yr but <= 3yr | >3yrs but <=4 yr |
| DIHLABENG MUNICIPALITY | 184.0 | 34.4 | R 136.2 | R 13.5 |   |   |
| DITSOBOTLA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (incl. Lichtenburg) | 296.7 | 35.1 | R 122.5 | R 139.2 |  |   |
| EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (MP) | 1 661.4 | 228.7 | R 906.1 | 526.6 |   |   |
| EMFULENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 873.2 | 504.8 | R 368.3 |   |   |   |
| GOVAN MBEKI MUNICIPALITY | 561.6 | 123.4 | 438.2 |   |   |   |
| KAI !GARIB MUNICIPALITY | 129.0 | 20.3 | 56.2 | 52.6 |   |   |
| LEKWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 502.3 | 79.9 | 301.3 | 121.1 |   |   |
| MALUTI A PHOFUNG MUNICIPALITY | 2 754.8 | 187.0 | 768.7 | 814.2 | 629.3 | 355.6 |
| MANTSOPA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 119.4 | 16.4 | 42.3 | 56.8 | 3.9 |   |
| MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY | 1 815.0 | 198.8 | 480.6 | 636.6 | 499.1 |  |
| MERAFONG CITY LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 156.0 | 51.8 | 104.2 |   |   |   |
| MODIMOLLE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 130.8 | 23.6 | 107.2 |   |   |   |
| MOOKGOPHONG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 118.2 | 11.5 | 52.8 | 53.9 |   |   |
| MOQHAKA MUNICIPALITY (incl. Steynsrus) | 230.4 | 74.0 | 156.4 |   |   |   |
| NALA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 178.0 | 24.3 | 57.5 | 96.3 |  |   |
| NALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (NW) | 279.2 | 28.8 | 95.7 | 121.2 | 33.5 |   |
| NGWATHE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 937.7 | 66.2 | 250.4 | 287.0 | 234.3 | 99.8 |
| NKETOANA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 171.0 | 23.1 | 52.7 | 73.6 | 21.6 |   |
| THABA CHWEU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 444.2 | 50.0 | 134.6 | 179.4 | 80.2 |   |
| THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 217.5 | 12.8 | 61.0 | 95.7 | 48.1 |   |
| WALTER SISULU LOCAL MUNICIPALITY | 141.2 | 23.7 | 85.7 | 31.8 |   |   |
| GRAND TOTAL | **11901.8** | **1818.7** | **4778.5** | **3299.3** | **1550.0** | **455.3** |