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**1770.. Ms A M Siwisa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Basic Education: to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

In light of the recent judgment handed down by the North Gauteng High Court that schools should be exempted from load shedding, what measures has she put in place to ensure that electricity will not be interrupted in rural schools, as they are the most ignored by her department?

**Response**

The Order by the North Gauteng High Court (Gauteng Division; Pretoria) to amongst others, ensures that there is uninterrupted electricity supply to public schools, was against the Minister of Public Enterprises, and not against the Minister of Basic Education (see para 55).  The Minister of Basic Education was not cited in the matter.