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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**1803. Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Whether she has authorised the payment of R150 million promised by her to eradicate illegal electricity connections in the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality; if not, why not; if so, by when will the specified funds be paid to the specified metropolitan municipality? NW2111E

**Reply:**

The Minister has approved to allocate funding over a period of three years to the amount of R150 million in order to address illegal connections in the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM) as a pilot programme. The allocation, like all electrification allocations, is only made available to the implementing agent (municipality or Eskom) upon approving of a formal business plan regarding the technical and financial details of a project/programme.