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**Mr C MacKenzie (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

1. How many, (a) properties are leased by the SA Post Office from private companies and (b) of the specified properties have been closed by the lessor due to non-payment of rent;
2. How many, (a) properties are leased by the SA Post Office from the Redefine Group and (b) of the specified properties have been closed by the specified company due to non-payment of rent?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) The South African Post Office (SAPO) is currently leasing one thousand two

hundred and forty three (1243) properties from private companies. These consist of Retail outlets, Depots, Office Space and Mail Centres.

(b) As of 6 August 2015 a total of six (6) Retail outlets were locked by the land lord due to non-payment of rentals. Four (4) of these Retail Outlets are located in Kwa-Zulu Natal and two (2) in the Witwatersrand region. In addition, electricity has been disconnected by the land lords in five (5) Retail outlets due to non-payment of rental.

In addition to the abovementioned closed offices, a total of twelve (12) Retail outlets have been closed due to eviction by the land lords since March 2015. Furthermore, five (5) Retail Postal Agencies have been closed by the Agents due to non-payment of their monthly allowance.

1. (a) SAPO is leasing eighteen (18) properties from the Redefine Group.

 (b) None of the eighteen (18) properties rented from the Redefine Group are closed