

**MINISTRY**

**COOPERATIVE GOVERNANCE AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NUMBER PQ 2714**

**2714. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs:**

(1) Whether any municipalities which have made payment agreements with Eskom to address outstanding debt have defaulted on those agreements in each of the past three financial years; if so, (a) which municipalities defaulted and (b) what actions have been taken to assist these municipalities to meet their financial obligations in each case;

(2) whether any of the specified municipalities are at risk of having their electricity supply cut off by Eskom; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW3021E

**Reply**

**(1)**

Yes, there are municipalities which have made payment agreements (PA’s) with Eskom and have defaulted on those agreements in each of the past three financial years.

**(1)(a)**

Annexure A presents the municipalities which have made payment agreements with Eskom and have defaulted on those agreements at some point within each of the past three financial years.

 **(1)(b)**

Eskom together with the intervention of national and provincial (Treasury and Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs) have engaged municipalities in order to agree on realistic payment plans.

**(2)**

Yes, from the specified municipalities in Table 1 above there are municipalities at risk of having their electricity supply cut off by Eskom. Planned interruptions dates for municipalities at risk of having their electricity supply cut off by Eskom are presented in Table 1 below.

*Table 1:*

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| Province | Municipality  | Planned Interruption Date |
| Free State | NketoanaMantsopaTokologoMasilonyanaNalaDihlabengMoqhaka | 27-Sep-1727-Sep-1727-Sep-1727-Sep-1727-Sep-1727-Sep-1727-Sep-17 |
| Limpopo | Thabazimbi  | 21-Sep-17 |
| Northern Cape | Siyancuma Renosterberg Thembelihle1 Tsantsabane  | 18-Sep-1718-Sep-1718-Sep-1718-Sep-17 |

Although Thembelihle municipality electricity supply will be interrupted, the municipality does not have a payment arrangement with Eskom.

**Annexure A:**

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| **Province** | **2015\_2016 Financial Year Municipal Payment arrangement list** |
| **Valid PA's in 2015/16 Fin Year** | **Municipality** | **Honouring PA’s in 2015/16 Fin Year** | **Number of municipalities who did not honour their agreements** |
| Eastern Cape | 5 | 1. Maletswai (Now Walter Sisulu)2. Nkonkobe (Now Raymond Mhlaba)3. Nxuba (Now Raymond Mhlaba)4. Makana5. Gariep Municipality (Now Walter Sisulu) | 0 | 5 |
| Free State | 8 | 1.  Dihlabeng2.  Masilonyana3. Mantsopa4. Matjabeng5. Nketoana6. Maluti A Phofung7. Metsimaholo Munic8. Nala Local Munic | 1 | 7 |
| Gauteng | 3 | 1.  Midvaal2.  Randfontein3. Westonaria | 3 | 0 |
| KZN | 2 | 1. Abaqulusi2. Ulundi | 1 | 1 |
| Limpopo | 2 | 1. Thabazimbi Munic
2. Mookgophong
 | 0 | 2 |
| **Province** | **2015\_2016 Financial Year Municipal Payment arrangement list** |
| **Valid PA's in 2015/16 Fin Year** | **Municipality** | **Honouring PA’s in 2015/16 Fin Year** | **Number of municipalities who did not honour their agreements** |
| Mpumalanga | 10 | 1. Emalahleni2. Msukaligwa3.  Govan Mbeki4.  Lekwa5.  Emakhazeni6. Mkhondo7. Nkomazi8. Thaba Chweu9. Chief Albert Luthuli10. Umjindi | 1 | 9 |
| North West | 9 | 1. Ditsobotla2. Kgetlengrivier3. Lekwa-Teemane4. Mamusa5. Matlosana6. Naledi7. Tswaing8. Maquassi Hills9. Madibeng | 2 | 7 |
| Northern Cape | 11 | 1. Kamiesberg2. Khara Hais3. Khai - Ma4.  Nama Khoi5.  Renosterberg6.  Tsantsabane7.  Magareng8. Siyathemba9. Siyancuma10. Dikgatlong11. Ubuntu | 3 | 8 |
| Western Cape | 3 | 1. Oudtshoorn2. Kannaland3. Cederberg | 2 | 1 |
| **Province** | **2016\_2017 Financial Year Municipal Payment arrangement list** |
| **Valid PA's in 2016/17 Fin Year** | **Municipality** | **Honouring PA’s in 2016/17 Fin Year** | **Number of municipalities who did not honour their agreements** |
| Eastern Cape | 4 | 1. Dr Beyers Naude (Former Ikwezi)2. Makana 3. Raymond Mhlaba4. Walter Sisulu (former Gariep and Maletswai) | 1 | 3 |
| Free State | 8 | 1. Dihlabeng2. Masilonyana3. Mantsopa4. Moqhaka5. Nala6. Nketoana7. Phumelela8. Tokologo | 2 | 6 |
| Gauteng | 7 | 1. Midvaal2. Randfontein3. Lesedi4. Mogale City5. Emfuleni6. Merafong7. Westonaria | 7 | 0 |
| KZN | 4 | 1. Mpofana2. eDumbe3. Ulundi4. Abaqulusi | 3 | 1 |
| Limpopo | 5 | 1. Musina2.  Bela-Bela3. Modimolle4. Mookgophong5. Thabazimbi | 0 | 5 |
| Mpumalanga | 11 | 1.    Emalahleni2.    Msukaligwa3.    Thaba Chweu4.    Govan Mbeki5.    Lekwa6.    Emakhazeni7.    Mkhondo8.    Albert Lithuli9. Dipalaseng10. Victor Khanye11. City of Mbombela | 1 | 10 |
| North West | 9 | 1. Ditsobotla2. Kgetlengrivier3. Lekwa-Teemane4. Mamusa5. Matlosana6. Naledi7. Ramotshere8. Tswaing9. Ventersdorp | 4 | 5 |
| Northern Cape | 18 | 1.   Kai Garib (Keimoes)2.  Kai Garib (Kenhardt)3.  Kai Garib (Kakamas)4.    Kamiesberg5.    Khai - Ma6.    Nama Khoi7.    Kgatelopele8.    Renosterberg9.  Tsantsabane10. Magareng11. Ga-Segonyana12. Phokwane/Hartswater13. Emthanjeni14. Gamagara15. Siyathemba16. Siyancuma17. Dikgatlong18. Ubuntu | 2 | 16 |
| Western Cape | 2 | 1. Oudtshoorn2. Kannaland | 1 | 1 |
| **Province** | **2017\_2018 Financial Year Municipal Payment arrangement list** |
| **Valid PA's in 2017/18 Fin Year** | **Municipality** | **Honouring PA’s in 2017/18 Fin Year** | **Number of municipalities who did not honour their agreements** |
| Eastern Cape | 5 | 1. Dr Beyers Naude (Former Ikwezi)2. KSD3. Makana 4. Raymond Mhlaba5. Walter Sisulu (former Gariep and Maletswai) | 1 | 4 |
| Free State | 8 | 1. Dihlabeng2. Masilonyana3. Mantsopa4. Moqhaka5. Nala6. Nketoana7. Phumelela8.. Tokologo | 1 | 7 |
| Gauteng | 4 | 1. Emfuleni2. Merafong3. Mogale City 4. Randfontein | 0 | 4 |
| KZN | 6 | 1. eDumbe2. Mpofana3. Newcastle4. Phongolo5. Ulundi6. Zululand | 4 | 2 |
| Limpopo | 4 | 1. Modimolle2.. Mookgophong3. Musina4. Thabazimbi | 0 | 4 |
| Mpumalanga | 10 | 1. Albert Lithuli2. Dipaleseng3. Emakhazeni4. Emalahleni5. Govan Mbeki6. Lekwa7. Mkhondo8. Msukaligwa9. Thaba Chweu10. Victor Khanye | 0 | 10 |
| North West | 9 | 1. Ditsobotla2. Kgetlengrivier3. Lekwa-Teemane4. Mamusa5. Matlosana6. Naledi7. Ramotshere8. Tswaing9. Ventersdorp | 2 | 7 |
| Northern Cape | 14 | 1. Dikgatlong2. Emthanjeni3. Gamagara4. Ga-Segonyana5. Kai Garib6. Kgatelopele7. Magareng8. Nama Khoi9. Phokwane/Hartswater10. Renosterberg11. Siyancuma12. Siyathemba13. Tsantsabane14. Ubuntu | 4 | 10 |
| Western Cape | 2 | 1. Oudtshoorn2. Kannaland | 1 | 1 |