

**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 | Nketoana  Mantsopa  Tokologo  Masilonyana  Nala  Dihlabeng  Moqhaka | 27-Sep-17  27-Sep-17  27-Sep-17  27-Sep-17  27-Sep-17  27-Sep-17  27-Sep-17 |
| Limpopo | Thabazimbi | 21-Sep-17 |
| Northern Cape | Siyancuma  Renosterberg  Thembelihle1  Tsantsabane | 18-Sep-17  18-Sep-17  18-Sep-17  18-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. Makana  5. Gariep Municipality (Now Walter Sisulu) | | | | | | | 0 | | 5 |
| Free State | 8 | 1.  Dihlabeng  2.  Masilonyana  3. Mantsopa  4. Matjabeng  5. Nketoana  6. Maluti A Phofung  7. Metsimaholo Munic  8. Nala Local Munic | | | | | | | 1 | | 7 |
| Gauteng | 3 | 1.  Midvaal  2.  Randfontein  3. Westonaria | | | | | | | 3 | | 0 |
| KZN | 2 | 1. Abaqulusi  2. 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. Emalahleni  2. Msukaligwa  3.  Govan Mbeki  4.  Lekwa  5.  Emakhazeni  6. Mkhondo  7. Nkomazi  8. Thaba Chweu  9. Chief Albert Luthuli  10. Umjindi | | | | | | | 1 | | 9 |
| North West | 9 | 1. Ditsobotla  2. Kgetlengrivier  3. Lekwa-Teemane  4. Mamusa  5. Matlosana  6. Naledi  7. Tswaing  8. Maquassi Hills  9. Madibeng | | | | | | | 2 | | 7 |
| Northern Cape | 11 | 1. Kamiesberg  2. Khara Hais  3. Khai - Ma  4.  Nama Khoi  5.  Renosterberg  6.  Tsantsabane  7.  Magareng  8. Siyathemba  9. Siyancuma  10. Dikgatlong  11. Ubuntu | | | | | | | 3 | | 8 |
| Western Cape | 3 | 1. Oudtshoorn  2. Kannaland  3. 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 Mhlaba  4. Walter Sisulu (former Gariep and Maletswai) | | | | | 1 | | | 3 |
| Free State | 8 | | 1. Dihlabeng  2. Masilonyana  3. Mantsopa  4. Moqhaka  5. Nala  6. Nketoana  7. Phumelela  8. Tokologo | | | | | 2 | | | 6 |
| Gauteng | 7 | | 1. Midvaal  2. Randfontein  3. Lesedi  4. Mogale City  5. Emfuleni  6. Merafong  7. Westonaria | | | | | 7 | | | 0 |
| KZN | 4 | | 1. Mpofana  2. eDumbe  3. Ulundi  4. Abaqulusi | | | | | 3 | | | 1 |
| Limpopo | 5 | | 1. Musina  2.  Bela-Bela  3. Modimolle  4. Mookgophong  5. Thabazimbi | | | | | 0 | | | 5 |
| Mpumalanga | 11 | | 1.    Emalahleni  2.    Msukaligwa  3.    Thaba Chweu  4.    Govan Mbeki  5.    Lekwa  6.    Emakhazeni  7.    Mkhondo  8.    Albert Lithuli  9. Dipalaseng  10. Victor Khanye  11. City of Mbombela | | | | | 1 | | | 10 |
| North West | 9 | | 1. Ditsobotla  2. Kgetlengrivier  3. Lekwa-Teemane  4. Mamusa  5. Matlosana  6. Naledi  7. Ramotshere  8. Tswaing  9. Ventersdorp | | | | | 4 | | | 5 |
| Northern Cape | 18 | | 1.   Kai Garib (Keimoes)  2.  Kai Garib (Kenhardt)  3.  Kai Garib (Kakamas)  4.    Kamiesberg  5.    Khai - Ma  6.    Nama Khoi  7.    Kgatelopele  8.    Renosterberg  9.  Tsantsabane  10. Magareng  11. Ga-Segonyana  12. Phokwane/Hartswater  13. Emthanjeni  14. Gamagara  15. Siyathemba  16. Siyancuma  17. Dikgatlong  18. Ubuntu | | | | 2 | | | | 16 |
| Western Cape | 2 | | 1. Oudtshoorn  2. 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. KSD  3. Makana  4. Raymond Mhlaba  5. Walter Sisulu (former Gariep and Maletswai) | | 1 | | | | 4 | |
| Free State | 8 | | 1. Dihlabeng  2. Masilonyana  3. Mantsopa  4. Moqhaka  5. Nala  6. Nketoana  7. Phumelela  8.. Tokologo | | 1 | | | | | | 7 |
| Gauteng | 4 | | 1. Emfuleni  2. Merafong  3. Mogale City  4. Randfontein | | 0 | | | | | | 4 |
| KZN | 6 | | 1. eDumbe  2. Mpofana  3. Newcastle  4. Phongolo  5. Ulundi  6. Zululand | | 4 | | | | | | 2 |
| Limpopo | 4 | | 1. Modimolle  2.. Mookgophong  3. Musina  4. Thabazimbi | | 0 | | | | | | 4 |
| Mpumalanga | 10 | | 1. Albert Lithuli  2. Dipaleseng  3. Emakhazeni  4. Emalahleni  5. Govan Mbeki  6. Lekwa  7. Mkhondo  8. Msukaligwa  9. Thaba Chweu  10. Victor Khanye | | 0 | | | | | | 10 |
| North West | 9 | | 1. Ditsobotla  2. Kgetlengrivier  3. Lekwa-Teemane  4. Mamusa  5. Matlosana  6. Naledi  7. Ramotshere  8. Tswaing  9. Ventersdorp | | 2 | | | | | | 7 |
| Northern Cape | 14 | | 1. Dikgatlong  2. Emthanjeni  3. Gamagara  4. Ga-Segonyana  5. Kai Garib  6. Kgatelopele  7. Magareng  8. Nama Khoi  9. Phokwane/Hartswater  10. Renosterberg  11. Siyancuma  12. Siyathemba  13. Tsantsabane  14. Ubuntu | | 4 | | | | | | 10 |
| Western Cape | 2 | | 1. Oudtshoorn  2. Kannaland | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |