**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY   
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY   
QUESTION NO.: PQ 4552 QUESTION: 4552.   
  
Prof. CT Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**   
  
Whether he will furnish Prof. CT Msimang with an audit report of (a) municipalities that (i) have applied to his department to provide free basic electricity for indigent households and (ii) are currently providing free basic electricity for indigent households and (b) total number of municipalities that are providing such free basic electricity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?   
  
**REPLY:**  
According to information received from Eskom:   
  
NB – The responses are based on Eskom records and exclude municipalities that provide Free Basic Electricity (FBE) directly to their areas of supply.   
  
(a) Municipalities that   
(i) have applied to provide FBE for indigent households? According to Eskom’s records, there are 248. Some municipalities may have merged and are yet to update their records with Eskom.   
(ii) are currently providing FBE for indigent households? The number of municipalities serviced by Eskom and providing FBE is 233.   
  
(b) The total number of municipalities that are providing such FBE. If not, why not, and if so, what are the relevant details? The total number is 233, and of the 233, 15 municipalities have been de-configured for reasons indicated below:  
  
**Find here:** [**Name of municipality**](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW4552-2023-01-03-2-2.pdf)