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 **Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Telecommunications and Postal Services:**

1. (a) Why did the SA Post Office (SAPO) in Westridge Mall in Mitchell’s Plain close in January 2016 and (b) what arrangements have been made to ensure continuity of service in the area;

(2) (a) why has the SAPO in Ennerdale in Johannesburg been closed and (b) what arrangements have been made to ensure continuity of service in the area? NW56E

**REPLY:**

I have been advised the South African Post Office (SAPO) as follows:-

(1)(a) The Post Office branch in the Westridge Mall was temporarily closed by the landlord due to rental arrears, and

(1)(b) The branch is currently operational, when it was temporarily closed, neighbouring post offices were used as contingency branches.

(2)(a) The Ennerdale South Post Office was running at a huge loss and was situated only 1.4 km from the Ennerdale Post Office, hence it was decided to close this Branch.

(2)(b) Ennerdale Post Office in only situated 1.4km from this branch and all operations have been moved to that branch without inconveniencing the clients.