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**DATE OF REPLY:**

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

1. (a)What was the contracted term of the lease of the premises that the SA Post Office in Bryanston, Gauteng, used, (b) on what date was it signed and (c) what is the rental (i) period and (ii) amount;
2. what is the outstanding amount owed for (a) rent and (b) utilities at the specified premises;

(3) Whether any mail and other postal items including equipment are still in the post office; if so, what arrangements have been made to retrieve these items;

(4) have arrangements have been made to settle the outstanding rental; if not, when will the outstanding rent be settled; if so, what are the terms?

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**REPLY:**

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

1. (a) The Bryanston Post Office was on a 3-year lease.

(b) The lease was signed on 2015/10/09 for Retail, Mail delivery lease is in circulation for signature

(c) Rental is as follows: Retail= **R89 877.60** per month, mail delivery = **R147 507.16** per month

1. Commenced on 2011/11/01 and expired on 2014/10/30, the renewal delayed due to negotiations;
2. According to the landlord the following amounts are overdue and SAPO is busy with its reconciliation of the outstanding amounts as it is not in full agreement:
3. Mail delivery **R422 609.47**, Retail **R18 703.23**, Total due **R441 312.70**, all-inclusive and
4. Amounts include utilities;
5. Mail has been retrieved. The equipment is still on site. The landlord will only release the equipment once the payment is made in full.
6. No settlement arrangements have been made because SAPO is currently doing a reconciliation of the outstanding amounts.