# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 878**

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**Mr P A van Staden (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Health:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the current Eskom crisis and electricity blackouts at both state and private hospitals and/or clinics across the Republic, he will meet with Eskom and/or municipalities to find agreement on exempting all private hospitals and clinics across the Republic from load shedding; if not, why not, in each case; if so, by what date will such discussions take place;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter? **NW984E**

**REPLY:**

1. I have directed the Director General of Health to meet with ESKOM to jointly seek interventions to mitigate against loadshedding. The first engagement took place on 22 September 2022. The meetings with Eskom are happening on a regular basis to seek for more exemptions of healthcare facilities. There are further ongoing engagements with both COGTA and various municipalities regarding additional exemptions for both private and public health care facilities from the grid.
2. No.

END.