



**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION NO.: PQ 4428**

**QUESTION:**

**4428. Mrs Y N Yako (EFF) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

In light of the frequent bouts of load shedding experienced daily in the Republic, which steps of intervention have been taken to mitigate the impact of load shedding on the income and/or generation of revenue by small businesses who are still growing and relying on energy supply for their revenue?

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**REPLY:**

I certainly empathise with the impact of load shedding on small businesses. The shortage of energy in South Africa is a long-standing problem which the present administration is addressing, together with the recovery from State Capture. Eskom will continue to endeavor to reduce load shedding and its impact on small businesses.

**Remarks:**

**Approved / Not Approved**

**Jacky Molisane  
Acting Director-General  
Date:**

**Pravin Gordhan, MP  
Minister  
Date:**