

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
QUESTION NUMBER: 3188 [NW3617E]
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3188. Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) What is the current financial status of the Maruleng Local Municipality in Limpopo with regard to (a) debtors days, (b) collection rates and (c) creditor days;
- (2) what (a) total amount does the specified municipality currently owe to (i) Eskom and (ii) its bulk water supplier and (b) is the detailed breakdown of the amounts owed in each case in terms of (i) 30 days and (ii) more than 90 days;
- (3) whether he has found that the billing system used by the specified municipality is functional and provides residents with accurate billing on a monthly basis; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

The following information has been reported in the monthly section 71 report for the quarter ended 30 June 2018. This information was verified and signed on by the Municipal Manager and Chief Financial Officer of the Maruleng Local Municipality:

(1)(a) Debtors

- The Debtors Age analysis shows the municipality is owed an amount of **R82.7 million** by customers (households, business and government); of which 81.6 per cent or R67 million is due for over 90 days.

(1)(b) Collection Rates

- The Municipality reported a Collection Rate of 74.7 per cent against billed revenue of R75.1 million for the 2017/18 financial year. The billed revenue comprises of property rates being levied on ratable properties and service charges for provision of waste management service (refuse removal).

(1)(c) Creditors

- The municipality owes suppliers and contractors a total of R223 thousands; of which R203 thousands or 91.2 per cent is due by the municipality within 30 days.

(2)(a)(i)(ii) (2)(b)(i)(ii)

- The municipality is not an Electricity Licensee and only accounts for own electricity consumption, therefore it does not owe money for bulk supplier (ESKOM and Lepelle Northern Water)

(3) The billing system used by the municipality is functional and residents are billed accurately for property rates and waste refuse removal