

Democratic Alliance Johannesburg Media Statement
DA City of Johannesburg
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164 TERMINATED ELECTRICITY ACCOUNTS ARE STILL ACTIVE IN CITY OF JOBURG

An astonishing 164 outstanding electricity accounts that were terminated in Windsor are still active.

The reasons stated by the MMC of finance Cllr Makhube for this unacceptable debacle was that these cases are caused by illegal connections, no access to property and contractors not disconnecting the electricity accounts.

The response continued, "...City Power's Revenue Protection department is constantly auditing these disconnected properties and through the audit can establish whether properties are illegally connected or whether the disconnection ever took place."

The DA finds this hard to believe, how possible is it for constant audits to be taking place yet yield no results.

"I strongly propose a real audit be done by another department other than the phantom City Power Revenue Protection department. In order to ascertain exactly how many disconnected accounts are still active in the City," says Cllr Van Zijl.

In the term under review only 90.4% of the billed revenue was collected as opposed to the targeted 96%. This translates into R2 billion for the year should the trend continue.

"This also explains why there was less than 5% reduction in the debtor's book as opposed to the targeted 50% reduction; yes a whopping 90% under target."

The DA believes that a world class City should ensure that it collects all the revenue owed in order for world class services to be delivered to the very deserving world class citizens.

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