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Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office

National Assembly Question : 208

208.Ms E N Louw (EFF) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether, with reference to the economists' view that the South African economy would be 10 times bigger than it was in 2008 were it not for the power crisis in the country, she has calculated the economic damage caused by the energy crisis in South Africa; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) what is the projected economic cost of the energy crisis for 2015? NW225E

Reply:

- 1) Yes, the economic cost due to the power disruption has been determined. It was determined that the cost of unserved energy (power disruption) is R75/KWh. There is a good understanding of the linkages between various industrial and commercial sectors and their contribution to economic growth.
- 2) Work is underway to determine the current cost of the energy challenge 2015