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**550. [Ê102]. Ms A M van Zyl (DA) to ask the Minister of Basic Education:
to ask the Minister of Basic Education:**

**[Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it
is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**

With regard to load shedding at schools for learners with special educational needs, what is the plan of her department to deal with the issue of load shedding that limits freedom of movement, access to good quality education and care because learners with special educational needs are not, for example, able to use an electronic lift to access another floor and/or ICT equipment during periods of load shedding?

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Response

1. The question on load shedding should be addressed to ESKOM the Department of Minerals and Energy, as well as the Department Public Enterprises.
2. There seems to be almost 500 public schools with back-up generators.
3. More than 1 000 schools have solar panels for power generation.