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National Library of South Africa Responds to City of Tshwane Electricity Disconnection

The National Library of South Africa (NLSA) notes with concern the disconnection of electricity supply to its Pretoria Campus by the City of Tshwane today, on the basis of a claim that the NLSA is in arrears in the amount of approximately R1 million.

The NLSA categorically disputes this claim. Our internal reconciliation reflects that the NLSA is fully paid up in respect of electricity charges billed by the City of Tshwane.

Electricity Payments Made by the NLSA

Month	Amount Due	Payment Date	Amount Paid
January 2026	R707 339.44	14 January 2026	R707 339.44
December 2025	R111 894.23	10 December 2025	R111 894.23
November 2025	R722 287.82	6 November 2025	R722 287.82
October 2025	R722 287.82	10 October 2025	R722 287.82

Based on this reconciliation, the NLSA reflects a zero balance on its electricity account with the City of Tshwane.

The NLSA's Finance team has formally engaged the City of Tshwane to urgently reconcile records and to clarify the basis on which the alleged arrears have been calculated. We remain available to work constructively with the Municipality to resolve any discrepancies.

While the NLSA acknowledges the City of Tshwane's revenue collection responsibilities, such actions must be accurate, fair, and supported by verified billing information, particularly where essential public services and national institutions are concerned.

The disconnection has disrupted access to critical library services relied upon by students, researchers, academics, and the general public. The NLSA therefore calls for the immediate restoration of electricity supply to enable the continuation of its public mandate.

Further updates will be communicated as engagements with the City of Tshwane progress.

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