

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 1097

### Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of the annual World Association of Nuclear Operations (WANO) report on safety and security management of various nuclear power plants around the world; if so,
- (2) Whether she will make the reports available with regard to the Koeberg Power Station for the past 10 years; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (3) Whether the reports have been found to be satisfactory; if not, which aspects are of concern; if so, what are the relevant details?      NW1219E

### **REPLY**

- (1) My department is aware that WANO issues reports regularly. WANO is a **voluntary** organisation of the Worlds' Nuclear Power Plant Operators.
- (2) Eskom is a member of WANO and is under no obligation to submit the reports to the Minister of Energy. The aim of WANO is to maximise the safety and reliability of nuclear power plants worldwide by working together to assess, benchmark and improve performance through mutual support, exchange of information and emulation of best practices. WANO is not only focussed on safety and does not purport to replace regulators.
- (3) The Parliament of South Africa established the National Nuclear Regulator of South Africa, which is the regulator that informs the Minister and the public of South Africa about safety matters of Koeberg. The NNR submits annual reports and these are duly

tabled in Parliament. It is the reports of this regulator that can pronounce on the safety matters at Koeberg Power Station. The NNR reports have in the main found safety situation at Koeberg to be acceptable.