

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 1649**

**Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

What are the reasons for not implementing the renewable energy feed-in tariff (Refit) programme? NW1856E

## **REPLY**

The REFIT is premised on a predetermined tariff for the different renewable technologies. In the South African legal context, the Electricity Regulation Act does not allow the regulator to predetermine the electricity tariffs, but rather to set a tariff guideline. Accordingly, it would be irregular to fetter the determination by Nersa of a set of tariffs (REFITS), before the licence application by the prospective developer.

Notwithstanding this situation, the objectives of the REFIT programme can still be achieved in a dispensation that does not predetermine the tariff. Localisation, skills and technology transfer can still be set as objective criteria which can be used side by side with the bid price to select preferred project developers.