

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 1651

Mr L W Greyling (ID) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- 1) What progress has her department made in developing regulations concerning energy efficient buildings;
- 2) Whether she intends including a stipulation that solar water heaters must be installed in all new buildings; if not, why not; if so, when will the specified regulations be promulgated? NW1857E

REPLY

- 1) The Department of Energy is in the process of consultation with the Department of Trade and Industry to amend the National Building Regulations to enforce compliance with energy efficiency, (Enforcement of compliance to the National Building Regulations is undertaken under the auspices of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications and the municipal building control inspectors). These regulations will be promulgated by the Minister of Trade and Industry in August 2011. They will apply to new buildings only (both Commercial buildings as well as Residential houses).
- 2) The Regulations stipulate that all new buildings in these categories must receive at least 50% volume of their hot water requirements by technologies other than electrical resistance heating, including solar water heaters and heat pumps. This implies that all new buildings must include either a solar water heater or a heat pump or some other renewable form of water heating.