

## **NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 1669**

### **Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- 1) Whether, since her reply to question 875 on 29 April 2010, (a) Thyspunt in the Eastern Cape has been selected as the site for Eskom's planned Nuclear-1 site and (b) Bantamsklip on the Southern Cape Coast has been selected as the site for Eskom's Nuclear-2 site; if not, why not, in each case; if so,
- 2) Whether these sites have approved (a) environmental impact assessments and (b) environmental impact management plans; if not, (i) why not, in each case and (ii) why have these sites been selected without these assessments or plans being conducted; if so, when were these assessments or plans approved;
- 3) Whether the appropriate consultative processes with interested and affected persons have been followed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1882E

### **REPLY**

- 1) (a) and (b)

No decision has as yet been made regarding the use of any sites for nuclear power stations.

- 2) With regards to Nuclear -1, the process of identifying a prospective site commenced in 2007 with an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), whilst no process has commenced for any other nuclear facility. A revised Draft Environmental Impact Report was recently issued for public comment. The revised Draft Environmental Impact Report recommends the Thyspunt site as a suitable site for a nuclear power station (Nuclear-1). A decision on whether to grant an environmental authorisation for the nuclear power station and on which of the three alternatives sites (if any), will be made by the Department of Environmental Affairs only after a final Environmental Impact Report has been submitted to, and reviewed by, the Department.
- 3) An extensive public engagement process has been undertaken in accordance with the environmental impact assessment regulations.