

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 1808.

Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- 1) Whether any deformed (a) reptiles, (b) fish and (c) mammals have been discovered on the grounds of Pelindaba since 1 January 1995; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details;
- 2) Whether the causes of the deformities were established in each case; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- 3) Whether the cause of the deformities was stopped; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW2041E

REPLY

- 1) No deformities were detected in (a) reptiles, (b) fish and (c) mammals on the grounds of the Pelindaba site before or after 1 January 1995. Routine sampling and monitoring of fish species both from the Crocodile River and Hartebeespoort Dam forms part of the Pelindaba Environmental Monitoring Programme. The environmental scientists, together with the Wildlife Breeding Centre regularly make inspections of the entire site to monitor conditions of the animals on the Pelindaba site.
- 2) See (1) above
- 3) See (1) above