

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 2276

Mr. P. D. Dexter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether the environmental impact report for Thyspunt One, the proposed nuclear power station near Thyspunt in the Eastern Cape also takes into account (a) worst-case scenarios, (b) long-term nuclear waste disposal, (c) radioactive emissions and (d) safety concerns about transporting the nuclear waste to the Vaalputs dumping site; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2648E

REPLY

Eskom has published its request for authorisation to site a nuclear power plant at Thyspunt. This was done through the draft Environmental Impact Report of the Nuclear-1 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), submitted in February 2010. No decision has been communicated yet on the final environmental impact report. One expects that it covers all elements necessary to secure a positive record of decision.

The Final Report will be published, announcements will be made by Eskom and their consultants in this regard.