

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 3135.

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

Whether the government intends to (a) subsidise or (b) make solar (i) lanterns and (ii) ovens available to poor households; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3660E

Reply

Currently government subsidises, through the rebate system, the Solar Water Geysers. Government also subsidises an off-grid solution programme involving the provision of solar home systems (SHS). The SHS comes with a solar panel, a set of energy efficient lights, and a plug point. The solar lanterns and ovens will be considered as part of the total solution to alleviate energy poverty and access to energy strategy.