

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 3267.**

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

- (1) Whether, given the crucial role of National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) and the Government's proposed nuclear building programme, she has found that the funding that was allocated to NNR in the 2010-11 financial year was adequate; if so, what are the relevant details; if not,
- (2) Whether she has any plans in place to improve the funding of the NNR; if not, why not; if so, (a) what plans and (b) how will these plans be implemented;
- (3) Whether the Government intends increasing the (a) funding and (b) capacity of the NNR; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?      NW3884E

***REPLY***

- (1) The funding allocated to the NNR during the 2010-11 financial year enabled it to perform some of its functions and to provide reasonable assurance of nuclear safety to the South African public. However, the funding basis for the NNR has not been adequate and this is being reviewed.
- (2) (a) Yes, the NNR is currently developing a comprehensive model for capacity and funding requirements in order to meet its current mandate and the demands of the new nuclear build programme.  
  
(b) This will serve as a basis for requesting additional funding in order to adequately resource the Nuclear Regulator.

(3)(a) It is the Government's intention to ensure that the Nuclear Regulator is adequately resourced within reasonable means in order to enable it to fulfil its functions in terms of the NNR Act.

(b) Accordingly, capacity will have to be reviewed and enhanced where needed in order to meet this objective.