

National Assembly question: Question 473

Mr D C Ross (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) What are the (a) projected, (b) current and (c) outstanding costs with regard to the (i) Medupi and (ii) Kusile Power Station projects;
- (2) Whether a comprehensive study on meeting South Africa's energy needs has been conducted since the start of the Medupi and Kusile Power Station projects; if not, why not; if so, by whom;
- (3) Whether the study made reference to the reactivation of dormant power plants; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW515E.

Reply

- (1) *Number based on 31 December 2010 quarterly*

<i>Power Station</i>	<i>Projected Costs [excluding interest during construction (IDC)]</i>	<i>Current costs (excluding IDC)</i>	<i>Outstanding costs (excluding IDC)</i>
<i>Medupi</i>	<i>R98,8 billion</i>	<i>R38,1 billion</i>	<i>R60,7 billion</i>
<i>Kusile</i>	<i>R120,0 billion</i>	<i>R21,4 billion</i>	<i>R98,6 billion</i>

- (2) The Department of Energy has developed a 20 year Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) to ascertain the country's electricity supply options to meet the growing electricity demand. The IRP incorporated committed projects including Medupi, Kusile, Return to Services and other non-Eskom interventions to meet the demand.

In addition, the Medium Term Risk Mitigation Plan was developed to look at other interventions within and outside Eskom supply options to meet the demand before the committed projects (Medupi, Kusile and Ingula Power Stations) reach their commercial operation dates.

The IRP will be finalised toward the end of March 2011.

- (3) The IRP look at a holistic supply options to meet the demand. This includes the Return to Services (RTS), municipal generators and decommissioning of other plants over the period of 20 years.