

**National Assembly question: Question NW 1220E**

**Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1111 on 21 May 2010, Eskom is selling any electricity to other countries; if so, (a) to which country and (b) at which price for each country;
- (2) Whether, since her reply to question 1111 on 21 May 2010, Eskom provided any special rate for electricity sold to Motraco in Mozambique; if so, (a) at what rate and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (3) Whether Eskom imports any electricity; if so, (a) from whom, (b) from which country and (c) at what price?      NW1220E

**REPLY**

The price charged for electricity is commercially sensitive information for Eskom's customers. Eskom is therefore obliged to treat customer information in the strictest confidence and is therefore not in a position to disclose this information publicly.

**1(a) and (b)**

Eskom sells electricity to the following countries: Botswana (BPC); Namibia(NamPower); Lesotho (LEC); Swaziland(SEC); Zambia(ZESCO) and Mozambique(EDM). The prices to these utilities are individually negotiated using standard megaflex tariff as a basis with an appropriate premium. Escalation on these prices is in line with the NERSA approved increase. The end user customer prices vary from standard tariffs to renegotiated rates. The specific prices however cannot be disclosed for reasons outlined above.

**2(a) and (b)**

Eskom and BHP Billiton entered into a renegotiation of the pricing terms applicable to Motraco. As was announced at the time, these negotiations were concluded and a new pricing regime and escalation

mechanism came into effect from 31 March 2010. For reasons indicated above as well as the confidentiality clauses in the agreement, Eskom is not in a position to disclose the new rates publicly.

**3(a) (b) and (c)**

Eskom purchased electricity during 2010/11, predominantly from Cahora Bassa in Mozambique, with some small volumes from Zambia (ZESCO) and Lesotho (LEC). Similar confidentiality requirements as reflected above are applicable.