

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 2274

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

Whether her department will furnish details of the Development Bank of South Africa's (DBSA) funding package for black enterprises wanting to partake in the independent power producer procurement programme; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2646E

**REPLY**

Yes, the DBSA agreed to fund a portion relating to BEE under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers programme. This loan will not require the guarantees that might be required by commercial banks. The details regarding the loan will be based on the project specifics. It will be difficult for government to pronounce on this but the procurement documents outline the high level requirements in this regard. Every registered bidder who has paid the registration fee, received the framework regarding the BEE funding under the DBSA programme. It is not compulsory for a developer to use the DBSA and any institution capable of funding the BEE component, will be allowed. However, we are of the view that the terms and conditions under the DBSA programme are favourable to BEE.