

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 3019.

Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether (a) her department and (b) any entity reporting to her was approached by a certain political organisation (name furnished) to contribute to its 66th birthday celebrations; if so, in each case, (i) which entities and (ii) what was the (aa) nature and (bb) value of the contribution that was requested;
- (2) whether (a) her department and (b) any of the specified entities reporting to her agreed to the request; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each case, (i) who approved the request, (ii) what was the justification for the agreement to the request and (iii) from which budget will the contribution be paid;
- (3) whether (a) her department and (b) any of the specified entities reporting to her made financial contributions to the said political organisation without being approached for such financial contributions; if so, in each case, (i) what amount will be contributed, (ii) from which budget, (iii) who made the decision to provide the specified funds to the said political organisation and (iv) how is this (aa) decision and (bb) amount justified;
- (4) whether (a) her department and (b) any of the entities reporting to her rely on any (i) statutory and (ii) policy provisions in (aa) agreeing and (bb) making such contribution; if not, in each case, what is the position in this regard; if so, in each case, what are the relevant details? NW3503E

REPLY

According to the department's records no cash donations were approved or disbursed by the department during the previous (2010/11) and current (2011/12) financial year for contributions to the 66th birthday of a political organization. Public entities reporting to the Minister of Energy also confirmed that no cash donations were disbursed by themselves for this purpose.

According to information collected from all public entities reporting to the Minister of Energy and branches within the department, the department did not approve or contribute any donations to the event.