

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION: 231

Mr R A Lees (DA-KZN) to ask the Minister of Energy:

With reference to her department's 2011/12-2015/16 Strategic Plan to install 250 041 solar water heaters during the 2011-12 financial year, (a) how will this target be achieved, (b) who will be the recipients of the such heaters and (c) where will the funding for these heaters be obtained from? CW293E

REPLY

- a) The figures that have been reflected on the Department's 2011/12-2015/16 Strategic Plan are cumulative, in other words they demonstrate how the 1 million solar water heaters will be achieved by 2014/15 financial year. This means that since 55 000 systems were installed by 2010/11 then the balance of 195 041 has to be installed at the end of 2011/12. The target will be achieved through a combination of the Eskom rebate standard offer and the Departmental fiscal allocation programme.
- b) The Solar Water Heaters are installed within the residential sector, i.e. low income households where there is access to piped water and middle to high income households where the main objective is to reduce electricity consumption/demand.
- c) See (a) above. The standard offer program is expected to provide the bulk of the funding.