

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION NUMBER 01

1. Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether he has been informed of the gas exploration and processing in the Mathjabeng area (details furnished) in Welkom, in the Free State; if not, what is the position in this regard, if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether gas exploration licenses will be granted to the parties involved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) Whether an environmental impact assessment (EIA) has been conducted in this regard; if not, why not, if so, what are the findings;
- (4) Whether the EIA was approved before exploration commenced; if not, why not; If so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) Whether a certain company (name furnished) will be involved in this exploration; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW1E

Reply

The Department has reviewed the question and is of the view that it should be referred to the Department of Mineral Resources as Gas Exploration and Production is currently done in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act No.28 of 2002.