

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION 646

Mr. K. A. Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether the government has succeeded in meeting its targets of its mass roll-out of solar water heating from 1 January 2009 up to the latest specified date for which information is available , if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details? CW 565

REPLY

No, due to financial constraints, we were not able to meet the set target of 200 000 solar water heaters as per the set goal in the Departmental strategy for the 2010/11 financial year. The solar water heater programme began in the 2010/11 financial year; therefore there are no available figures for the 2009/10 financial year. To date 115 000 solar water heaters were installed (or 57.5% of the target), which were financed from a combination of the National Treasury allocation and the electricity tariff rebate.