



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 2598:

Mrs M Wenger (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether construction of (a) a test smelter and (b) two induction smelters for which the Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa (Necsa) received environmental authorisation in 2007 (details furnished) has commenced; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (2) Whether the (a) test smelter and (b) two induction smelters have been completed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3209E

Reply

- (1) The environmental authorisation was for "installation and operation of a test smelter and subsequent construction and operation of two induction smelters". Installation of the test smelter has been completed. Necsa is in the process of licensing for the construction and operation of the two induction smelters.
- (2)(a) Test smelter completed. Planned for operation in 2013 after obtaining the nuclear installation license for induction smelters.
- (2)(b) Two induction smelters are not completed. A public hearing that was advertised by the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) for the nuclear installation license application took place on 11 October 2012, Royal Elephant Hotel Conference Centre (Bondev House), Centurion, 9:00 to 16:30.