



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION: 1272

Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether any concessions have been awarded for rolling out solar heating systems; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the names of the concessionaires, (b) what is the duration of the maintenance contracts and (c) which areas will be serviced;
- (2) whether any of the concessionaires have failed in delivering on their agreements; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, which concessionaires;
- (3) whether her department has taken any steps against concessionaires failing to deliver on their agreements; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) what (a) reporting mechanisms are being used to manage maintenance and (b) is the cost per unit paid by local authorities from the electricity grant?NW1471

Reply

- 1) Yes, the department has entered into 4 concessions with the following and KfW .
 - a) Nuon RAPS Utility (Pty) Ltd t/a NuRa;
K E S (Pty) LTD – Kwazulu Energy services (though the KfW programme); and
Solar Vision Pty, Ltd.

- b) Capital funding for 1 year and 20 years for operational maintenance, which is the lifespan of the installed system.
 - c) The Provinces serviced are Limpopo, Eastern Cape and KwaZulu Natal
- 2) No, Ilitha was initially awarded the tender but due to failure to obtain the 20% portion of funding for the project, the department was not able to continue with the agreement.
- 3) None of the concessionaires failed to deliver on their agreement.
- 4) a) The agreement between the concessionaire and the department specify that quarterly reports are to be submitted to the department on the overall project, including the maintenance carried out on the installed system.
- b) The municipality pays a free basic electricity portion to the concessionaire, which is different for each municipality.