



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 146

Adv A. de W Alberts (VF Plus) asks the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether her department has introduced a fuel subsidy for the taxi industry; if so, (a) what is the reason for this subsidy and (b) what does the subsidy entail; if not,
 - (2) whether she has been notified that petrol stations are giving a specific discount to taxis; if so,
 - (3) whether she and her department were involved in determining this discount; if not,
 - (4) whether she intends to investigate this matter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
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Reply:

- (1) No; (a) and (b) not applicable,
- (2) No,
- (3) No,
- (4) No. My Department is, however, aware that some service station operators do offer discounts on products other than petrol sold by those service station operators. The discounts on these products fall outside the provisions of the Petroleum Products Amendment Act, 2003 (Act No. 58 of 2003). There are no direct subsidies or discounts applicable to the fixed petrol prices on petrol sales by service station operators to taxi operators in terms of the Petroleum Products Act. The Department has a Petroleum Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit which deals with contraventions to the law governing the petroleum sector.
A formal complaint with all the requisite information must be lodged with the Controller of Petroleum Products at the Department.