



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 1635**

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

- (1) How many (a) berths and (b) pipelines service the oil and gas facilities at (i) Milnerton, (ii) Saldanha and (iii) the Port of Durban and (c) what is the capacity in each case;
- (2) whether the (a) berths and (b) pipelines servicing the facilities at (i) Milnerton and (ii) Saldanha are fully operational; if not, why not; if so,
- (3) whether the (a) berths and (b) pipelines servicing the facilities at (i) Milnerton and (ii) Saldanha are compatible to (aa) import and (bb) export liquid fuel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether she has considered to upgrade the infrastructure at the Port of Durban to make it compatible to (a) import and (b) export liquid fuel; if not, how was the conclusion reached; if so,
- (5) whether such an upgrade would increase the commercial viability of the Port of Durban with regard to the oil and gas industry; if not, how was this conclusion reached; if so, what are the relevant details?      NW1961E

**Reply:**

- (1) Milnerton: (a) One berth for crude oil (b) One oil pipeline (c) 450 tons per annum  
Saldanha: (a) One berth (b) One oil pipeline (c) 25 million tons per annum  
Port of Durban: (a) Eight berths (b) Two pipelines from the Single Buoy Mooring (c) 5,000 tons per hour
- (2) Milnerton: Fully operational  
Saldanha: Fully operational  
Port of Durban: Currently berth 2 and 5 are being upgraded and therefore out of commission.  
Berth 1, 4,6,7,8 and 9 are fully operational.

- (3) Berths in Milnerton, Saldanha and Port of Durban are all used for both imports and exports of liquid fuels.
- (4) As stated above, Berths 2 and 5 are being upgraded by Transnet.
- (5) The upgrade will increase the commercial viability of the Port of Durban.