



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

1828. Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) (a) How many crude oil reservoir tanks are at (i) Milnerton, (ii) Saldanha and (iii) the Port of Durban, (b) what are their capacities and (c) who currently manages these facilities;
- (2) Whether the reservoir tanks at these facilities are currently being utilised; if not, why not; if so, at each facility (i) by whom and (ii) how much crude oil is currently stored;
- (3) whether the blending of crude oil takes place at these facilities; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

Reply

- (1) (a) (i) There are 39 tanks in Milnerton.
(ii) There are six tanks in Saldanha
(iii) There are crude oil reservoir tanks in Port of Durban other than tanks used for operational purposes by oil companies.
(b) (i) Each tank has a total storage capacity of 200 000 barrels.
(ii) Each tank has a total storage capacity of 7.1 million m³.
(iii) As at 1 (a) (iii)
(c) The facilities in Milnerton and Saldanha are managed by the government agency, Strategic Fuel Fund.
- (2) (i) The tanks in Milnerton are not utilised at the present moment.
The tanks in Saldanha are used by Chevron. The Strategic Fuel Fund and others are leased to various international companies and PetroSA.
Refer to 1 (a) (iii)
(ii) The levels of crude oil vary depending on the activities of Chevron and the other companies.
- (3) Milnerton: There has been no need to blend.
Saldanha: Blending takes place depending on the needs of the various users of the tanks
Port of Durban: Not applicable as indicated at 1 (a) (iii).