

1829. Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether her department has developed a comprehensive business plan with regard to South Africa's bitumen requirements; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the Government has the infrastructure for the (a) storage and (b) transportation of bitumen; if not, how will her department deal with this issue; if so, (i) which pipelines are bitumen compatible and (ii) where are the bitumen storage facilities located;
- (3) whether the Government has the infrastructure to increase bitumen production; if not, how will her department deal with this issue; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether the Government imports bitumen; if not, why not; if so, (a) from where and (b) at what cost;
- (5) whether the sufficient supply chain management of bitumen are in place to complement the National Infrastructure Build Programme; if not, how will her department deal with this issue; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2221E

Reply

The Department of Energy received the question, reviewed its content against its mandate and has determined that the most appropriate respondents should be the Department of Transport and the Department of Trade and Industry.