

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

(a) What was the total budgeted amount for the (i) maintenance and (ii) upgrade of the electricity infrastructure for the financial year 2011-12 and (b) how does it compare with the requirements for each municipality? NW444E

REPLY

The Municipal allocation for electrification programme in the Department is represented by the table below:

Item	2010/11 (Million)	2011/12 (Million)	2012/13 (Million)
Bulk Infrastructure (substations and upgrades)	R 275 751	R 190 250	R 230 265
Households Connections	R742 352	R906 362	R 1 923 284
TOTAL	R1 018 103	R1 096 612	R1 153 549

(a) Based on information from National Treasury publications (mfma.treasury.gov.za/MediaReleases/mbi/2011/pages/budgetinfo2011.aspx) (i) Repairs and maintenance budget for 2011-12 is: R300 million (ii) for renewal of existing municipal infrastructure for year 2011-12 the budget is: R1,3 billion. In the current state the Department does not have a mandate to execute the maintenance programme within municipalities however it is envisaged that the Department will commence with the rollout of maintenance programme as the pilot project in the next financial year. The Department will continuously engage with the National Treasury in securing adequate funding for maintenance programme as it is currently estimated that the current national backlog to that regard is R35 Billion within municipalities.

(b) The maintenance backlog will require about R35 Billion rand and it has been estimated that the maintenance backlog increases by R2 Billion annually. The information about comparison is not

prepared by the Department and could be found in Nersa as it is the entity that processes the tariff applications for each municipality.