



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

434. Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether she will make the Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review available to the public; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (2) whether the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has been requested to conduct an external assessment on the proposed Nuclear Build Programme; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the time frames for the assessment to be (i) completed and (ii) presented to her department and (b) which areas of concern were referred to the IAEA;
- (3) whether the full IAEA assessment report will be made available to the public; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (4) whether the country's (a) nuclear energy policy, (b) regulatory frameworks, (c) radiation protection and (d) nuclear-related legislation will be influenced by the IAEA's assessment; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;
- (5) what (a) finance and (b) procurement models are being considered for the country's Nuclear Build Programme? CW539E

Reply

1. The Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review (INIR) is not completed yet. What has been recently completed is South Africa's Self-Assessment using the INIR Methodology. The report of this Self-Assessment will be reviewed by the IAEA and only thereafter will the review be considered final. A decision on whether or not to make the final report public or not has not been made. This will be taken in the context

of the National Nuclear Energy Executive Coordination Committee (NNEECC) established to lead, oversee and monitor the nuclear programme.

2. (a) The IAEA has been requested to review South Africa's Self-Assessment. This will be done in 2013. When the review is completed, the IAEA will submit a report to the Government of South Africa (b) The department did not choose the areas for the IAEA to focus on. It is expected that the IAEA will review the full complement of the 19 issues that are addressed by the INIR Methodology.
3. See answer to (1) above.
4. (a), (b), (c) and (d) the documents mentioned are part of the basis for the review.
5. (a) and (b) this is a matter that is still to be deliberated upon by the NNEECC.