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National Assembly Question: 556

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Question Number 556 for written reply asked by Mr J F Smalle (DA) for your approval.

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

- 1) What is the price for each unit of electricity charged by Eskom to (a) local municipalities, (b) businesses, (c) residential properties and (d) pre-paid equitable holders for each municipality;
- 2) whether all municipalities are in line with the regulations of the National Energy Regulator of SA (Nersa); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW718E

Reply

- 1) Reflected below are average prices for local municipalities and businesses, whilst the exact price is dependent on the location and voltage levels. For residential and pre-paid customers however, the IBT rates are applicable irrespective of location.
 - (a) Local municipalities – For the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 the average price charged to redistributors was 39.53 c / kWh (Ex VAT)
 - (b) Business – For the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011 the average price charged for commercial customers (business) was 52.63 c / kWh (Ex VAT)

- (c) Residential customers – Eskom charges residential customers in terms of the inclining block tariffs (IBT) as approved by NERSA.
- (d) Pre-paid equitable holders for each municipality - Eskom charges pre-paid residential customers in terms of the inclining block tariffs (IBT) as approved by NERSA. Eskom cannot comment on prices for pre-paid equitable holders charged by municipalities

Table1: IBT rates for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

Block structure	2011/12 block rates (excluding VAT)
Block 1 (0 – 50 kWh)	57.65 c / kWh
Block 2 (> 50 up to 350 kWh)	66.16 c / kWh
Block 3 (> 350 up to 600 kWh)	96.05 c / kWh
Block 4 (> 600 kWh)	105.35 c / kWh

- 2) Eskom cannot comment whether the municipalities are in line with the regulations of NERSA.