



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 125.

Mr H B Groenewald (DA-NC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (a) How many litres of fuel have been used by the commercial fishing industry and (b) what amount per litre has been paid back to the said industry through rebate? CW172E

REPLY

- a) The Department of Energy calculates fuel consumption only by the major economic sectors. The commercial fishing industry is classified under the Agricultural Sector which contributes approximately 5% towards total consumption of all petroleum products. During 2010, the total consumption of petroleum products was 26 billion litres, of which approximately 9.3 billion litres was diesel.
- b) The Department of Energy does not collect data on diesel refunds and rebates. The method of calculating refunds and rebates payable for diesel consumed for commercial activities within the fishing and other small industries is determined by the Minister of Finance on an annual basis. The actual refunds and rebates are calculated by the South African Revenue Services (SARS) on a monthly basis.