



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION 147

Mr K A Sinclair (COPE-NC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether her department has established that the supply of liquid petroleum fuels will be adequately and continuously available throughout South Africa up to 2015; if not, when will this be established; if so, what are the relevant details? CW197E

Reply

The demand for refined liquid petroleum fuels in South Africa currently exceeds total refining capacity and therefore production. The production shortfall is currently met through imports and South Africa will continue to be a net importer of refined liquid petroleum fuels until such time that the new refining capacity is constructed. The main constraints with respect to the supply of refined liquid petroleum fuels are logistics infrastructure, particularly to the inland market.

With the commissioning of the main trunk-line of the New Multi-Product Pipeline (NMPP) supply constraints to the inland market have to a large extent been alleviated.