



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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

How does the Government plan to integrate shale gas into energy planning in terms of the optimal energy mix? CW524E

Reply

As you are aware exploration activity for shale gas is the mandate of the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). The Republic of South Africa subscribes to an energy mix policy and so the IRP does make allowance for the use of natural gas for power generation.

South Africa has Gas to Liquid expertise, which would of necessity benefit from successful development of the shale gas resources. A major spin-off would also be the use of gas in households when the reticulation infrastructure is developed.