

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION 445

Mr D B Feldman (COPE-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether, with regard to the United Nations Climate Change Conference that was held in Copenhagen in 2009, the Government will reduce domestic greenhouse gas emissions (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CW546E

Reply

In 2009 the President of South Africa announced that mitigating actions will be taken by government to reduce the country's greenhouse gas emissions by 34%, relative to business as usual emissions by 2020, and by 42% in 2025. However, the President also made it clear that the extent of these actions, and therefore, the extent to which we would achieve these emission reductions, will be dependent on the provision of financial resources, the transfer of technology and capacity building support from developed countries.