

463. Mr J M G Bekker (DA-WC) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- 1) With reference to the prepaid electricity meters installed in residential homes in Alexander Bay as part of a certain company's agreement (name furnished) to develop Alexander Bay into a fully occupied town, (a) which firm calibrated these meters and (b) when last was it done;
- 2) Whether these meters were certified in any way; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- 3) Whether the electricity wiring of the residential houses was certified; if not, why not; if so, (a) who was and/or is responsible for such wiring and (b) what are the further relevant details? CW568E

Reply

(1), (2) and (3)

Alexkor is regarded as a reseller and not as a distributor of electricity, hence they are not licenced by NERSA. Richtersveld Municipality has indicated that they will soon take over the supply of electricity in the area and it is then that NERSA will enter into an agreement with the municipality to make sure that all issues as far as compliance is concerned are remedied.

It should be noted that NERSA is in the process of developing Electricity Resale Guidelines which will govern the activities of all resellers of electricity in South Africa.

Wiring certification of houses is resorting under Department of Labour and is managed by the Electrical Contracting Board of South Africa.