



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES QUESTION 57

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

Whether any second hand equipments have been used for the Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP); if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? CW63E

Reply

The Department of Energy has a chief directorate section by the name Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP), which is responsible for managing, planning, allocating the conditional grant as per DoRA under schedule 6 & 7 (Municipalities and Eskom), in order to provide electricity to our communities. The programme therefore aims to address the electrification of households, farm dweller houses and the funding for bulk infrastructure.

Transfers are made to the approved Municipalities and ESKOM. ESKOM and the Municipalities implement the approved projects in line with a contract that they enter into with the Department plus all the relevant applicable legislation – e.g. Procurement.

The Department will normally perform a technical audit after it was notified that a funded INEP project was completed. This audit will look at the adherence to technical standards within the electrification industry as well as to ascertain the value for money of the investment. We can confirm that during two recent audits conducted within the Free State, used equipment was acquired by two municipalities for implementing

INEP projects. We have communicated the said audit funding to the respective accounting officers and we expect the corrections to be made on those projects in March 2012.