



MINISTRY OF ENERGY

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

National Assembly Question: 1866

1866. Mr M G P Lekota (Cope) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether the Government is implementing regulations to (a) enforce a ban on the sale and use of halogen down lights and incandescent bulbs and (b) require bulk users of electricity in the industrial, agricultural, commercial and residential sectors to undertake specified retrofitting in order to (i) reduce pressure on the grid and (ii) make the resultant savings in electricity available to business enterprises that were constrained by the lack of electricity or unable to set up businesses because of that deficit; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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Reply

- a) The National Regulatory for Compulsory Specification (NRCS) have issued compulsory regulations (VC8043 - facing out of incandescent lamps) for public comments on the 30th of May 2013 and closed on the 30th June 2013. An agreement has been reached at the stakeholder consultation forum to provide six months notification to industry from the date of final publication by the Minister. It is envisaged that the effective date for implementation will be April/May 2014
- b) The Department of Energy and Industry players through the Energy Efficiency Leadership Network represented by BUSA and EIUG have been working together in ensuring the uptake of implementation of EE initiatives and interventions within the industry sector. Significant amount of electricity savings have been achieved since this

initiative was re-focused after the 2008 electricity shortages. In completing the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan, the department is in the process of developing Energy Management Regulations requiring industry to submit mandatory energy management plans, for the purpose of monitoring energy consumption and the EE initiatives planned for implementation by specific companies.

The department (with the National Treasury) has completed the drafting of the Regulations on Allowance for Energy Efficiency Savings in terms of the Income Tax Act, to provide an allowance or incentive commensurate with achieved savings.

In addition to the above, the department is also in the process of finalizing the Energy Conservation Scheme (ECS) with NERSA for developing the rules for reducing the demand under circumstances where there is a risk of losing the power systems. It is expected that a pilot will be undertaken on companies representing the Intensive Energy Users Sector. Consultation with stakeholders has already started and thereafter full ECS implementation is expected in the next financial year.

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