



MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION 2130

Mrs E C van Lingen (DA-EC) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Whether, since he has taken over the leadership of the National Nuclear Energy Coordinating Committee (NNECC), he will make the (a) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report on South Africa's readiness to Nuclear Energy build available and (b) revised Integrated Resource Plan 2010 available to the committees in Parliament; if not, why not; if so, (i) when in each case and (ii) when will the pricing process for the nuclear build commence;
- (2) Whether this will follow a transparent tender process in order to determine the successful service provider; if not, why not; if so, (a) what will be the procurement terms of reference in this case and (b) what are the further relevant details? NW2552E

Reply:

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(a) South Africa is Member State of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and represented in the Board of Governors of this Agency, We subscribe to the principles of this Agency. In this regard, in February 2013 the IAEA conducted a peer review on South Africa's infrastructure for the nuclear build programme using the Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review (INIR) methodology. Cabinet is yet to receive the final INIR report, which is expected within two months. Cabinet will deliberate on the recommendations of this report.

- (b) The process of updating the Integrated Resource Plan 2010-2030 will be completed by end of 2013. At this stage different scenarios which will be considered in this update are being finalized. These scenarios will be communicated at the stakeholder workshops that the Department of Energy will be holding starting in September 2013 as part of the update of the Integrated Energy Plan over the next few months. Once finalized, the updated IRP will become publically available.
- (2) The Department of Energy is doing a lot of work putting systems in place as part of the Phased Decision Making Approach for implementing the nuclear programme including the procurement aspect. This will also take into account the lessons learnt from the successful procurement process for the Independent Power Producers. The final decision on the procurement of nuclear power plants has not yet been made.

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