



MINISTRY OF ENERGY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

National Assembly question: 3053

Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) For how long (a) has the Orca floating production storage and offloading facility (FPSO) been berthed and (b) is the Orca FPSO planned to be berthed;
- (2) Is PetroSA responsible for the refurbishment of the Orca FPSO; if so, at what cost is it being refurbished;
- (3) What is the duration of the (a) future contracts and (b) current contracts that the FPSO Orca will undertake? **NW3607E**

Reply

- (1) (a) The Orca berthed at Coega on 19 September 2013.
(b) It is planned to be in harbour until the end of March 2014.
- (2) PetroSA is responsible for the refurbishment of the Orca. The work scope, which consists of statutory inspections and some refurbishment, is estimated to cost R65 million. Related expenses e.g. port services, towing, operations personnel, etc. is estimated to cost an additional R45 million.
- (3) (a) The Orca is owned by PetroSA and utilised to produce indigenous crude oil and associated gas. Evaluation studies are in progress for commercial oil field development opportunities utilising the Orca.
(b) The Orca has been producing from the Oribi/Oryx field since 1997, producing over 45 million barrels of oil for PetroSA. Current forecasts indicate the Orca can still produce economically from this field till at least mid-2015. The Orca does not have contracts associated with oil production. Contracts associated with the Orca are for services and maintenance with vendors like SMIT Amandla, SA Crane, just to name a few.

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