



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**National Assembly question: 3054**

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

- (1) (a) How many wells have been drilled by PetroSA at the Ikhwezi gas field; (b) what is the total time that has been spent drilling; and (c) what is the total cost of drilling the wells;
- (2) what was the cost of laying equipment on the sea bed for the first well at Ikhwezi? **NW3608E**

**Reply**

- (1) (a) One development well has been completed to date, although some intervention is still required on this well. The drilling of the second well has commenced.
- (b) 264 days have been spent on the first well and 40 days have been spent on the second well thus far.
- (c) 164 million US Dollars has been spent on the first well and 23 million US Dollars has been spent on the second well thus far.
- (2) 319 million US Dollars has been spent on the common subsea equipment and the equipment required for the first three wells. It does not make sense to isolate the costs for the first well due to the large percentage of costs common to all wells.

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