

**142. Dr P J Rabie (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

1. How many legal matters were dealt with by the Department in the (a) 2009-2010, (b) 2010-2011, (c) 2011-2012 financial years and (d) since 1 April 2012 up to the date information is available for;
2. Of these, how many were dealt with by (a) the State Attorney and (b) private attorneys in each case;
3. What are the total amounts paid by the Department towards the (a) State Attorney and (b) private attorneys in each case;
4. In each matter where the Department was not represented by the State Attorney, what are the reasons for not doing so? NW148E

***Reply***

1. (a) The Department of Energy is unable to provide this information as the Department split from the former Department of Minerals and Energy and was formally established from 1 April 2010;  
(b) Seven (7);  
(c) Six (6);  
(d) Fifteen (15) as at 31 December 2012.
2. (a) Twenty three (23);  
(b) Nil.
3. (a) The following amounts were paid to the State Attorney-  
(i) in the 2010-2011 financial year, R46 193;  
(ii) in the 2011-2012 financial year, R165 839; and  
(iii) in the current financial year to 31 December 2012, R104 743.  
(b) Nil.
4. The Department was represented by the State Attorney in all matters where legal action was instituted by or against the Department.