

3243. Mr J F Smalle (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) How much did (a) PetroSA and (b)(i) its partners and/or (ii) entities reporting to her spend on new exploration licence acquisitions since 1 April 2012;
- (2) whether there were any successes in acquiring exploration licences; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4132E

Reply

(1) PetroSA did not spend anything on acquiring exploration assets after 1 April 2012. Personnel time and application fee costs were incurred for the exploration right application for 3 blocks in South Africa.

PetroSA also spent personnel time and the application fee costs in the application for a Technical Cooperation Permit (12month desk-top study) for two other blocks in South Africa.

(2) Approval was obtained for exploration in three blocks and the blocks are all in South African territory. The Technical Cooperation Permit work for the other two blocks is also ongoing.