



MINISTRY OF ENERGY

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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184. Mr M H Mokgobi (ANC-Limpopo) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether, with regard to South Africa's Energy Efficiency Strategy and the under spending on the Municipal Energy Efficiency Demand Side Management programme, any progress has been made to resolve the Demand Side Management challenges; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are his department's plans and strategies in this regard; if so, (i) what progress, (ii) what further interventions are required and (iii) what are the further relevant details? CO572E

REPLY

(a) Yes, the Department of Energy in collaboration with German International Cooperation (GIZ) and the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) have embarked on a mentorship and coaching initiative as part of the broader South African German Energy Programme to assist municipalities in planning and implementation of the Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management programme.

(b) The plans and strategies to resolve the EEDSM implementation challenges entails capacity building workshops, development and implementation of EEDSM monitoring

and implementation tools such as comprehensive guidelines for the development of business plan and reporting mechanisms, technology identification and selection, and support on procurement procedures including the development of templates for technical tender specifications and proposals.

- (i) In this regard, the Department has conducted four capacity building workshops to empower participating EEDSM municipalities on project design and implementation in accordance with the developed guidelines.
- (ii) The municipalities should be provided with enough resources to better improve management of the programme implementation, establishment of energy office with specific focus on energy efficiency and clean energy.
- (iii) The initiative by the Ministry's office to regularly engage with political counterparts at local government, that is, mayoral offices, councilors and municipal managers is one the interventions put in place to ensure improvements in the implementation of the programme.

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