



MINISTRY OF ENERGY  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

National Council of Provinces question: 299

**Mr D A Worth (DA-FS) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Whether, with reference to a certain media report (details furnished), any licences have been granted for the manufacture of bio-fuels in South Africa to date; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) in which province(s) have such licences been granted, (b) by which date will such bio-fuel production commence and (c) what are the further relevant details? **CW397E**

**Reply :**

There are eight (08) bio-fuels manufacturing licences that have been granted in South Africa to date.

- a) Four (04) in the Eastern Cape; Two (02) in Gauteng; One (01) in the Free State; One (01) in KZN.
- b) According to the legislation, the construction of a biofuels production facility must commence within twenty four (24) months after the date of issue of the licence. And the production must begin once the construction of such production facility is complete.
- c) The inputs to be used in the production of biofuels in these production facilities ranges from Sorghum-based Bioethanol, Sugarcane-based Bioethanol, Waste Vegetable Oil- based Biodiesel, Soybean-based Biodiesel and Canola-based Biodiesel.

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