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Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office

National Assembly Question : 927

927. Mrs C Dudley (ACDP) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether, in view of the court action launched against Valputs Test Smelter certain nuclear test smelter (name and details furnished), the specified smelter and another two induction smelters are operational at present;
- (2) whether any safer options were considered in place of these smelters that were constructed after the approved period lapsed;
- (3) will the SA Nuclear Energy Corporation (Necsa) and the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR) halt work at the smelter plants until authorisation conditions are met as envisaged through the court action;
- (4) will Necsa and the NNR ensure that residents and those working in the area just outside the highly populated Tshwane metropole are fully informed of all related information and their constitutional rights through efforts? NW1018E

Reply:

- 1) None of the abovementioned smelters are operational.
- 2) Not applicable.
- 3) Not applicable.
- 4) Not applicable.