



**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**National Assembly Question: 133**

**133. Mr L W Greyling (ID) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) Were any tenders invited for the installation of low-pressure solar water heaters in 2013; if not, why not; if so, was the tender awarded;
- (2) how many low-pressure solar water heaters were installed in 2013;
- (3) (a) what are the targets for the roll-out of low-pressure solar water heaters and (b) what is his department doing to ensure that it reaches its targets in this regard;
- (4) what is his department doing to ensure that the local manufacturers of low-pressure solar water heaters have sufficient national demand to support their operations? NW139E

**REPLY :**

1. Yes, there were tenders issued by Eskom for installation of low-pressure solar water heaters in Musina, Polokwane and Buffalo City Municipalities (on behalf of the Department) as well as in Soweto. However, these tenders were not awarded and Eskom cancelled the process.

In August 2013, the department issued a request for registration and information to test the market and confirm if there were complaint systems in regard to 70% local content as outlined in the SWH instruction note issued under the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act.

2. Accumulative 395,088 SWH units (inclusive of low and high pressure) installed by the end of December 2013 with 53,000 SWH units installed in 2013 calendar year.
3. a. There are 480,000 low pressure SWH units to be installed by 31 March 2016;  
b. The Department concluded the new contracting model in October 2013. The revised contracting model will allow Eskom to do mass procurement for all participating municipalities. However, prior to the said procurement, the SABS will have to verify the local content threshold capacity of all manufactures as outlined in the instruction note.

4. The DoE appointed the SABS to carry out the local content measurement and verification process, which is scheduled to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

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