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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly Question : 162**

**162. Mr L W Greyling (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

What immediate steps is her department taking to ensure that more electricity-generating capacity is brought on stream urgently to alleviate our current electricity crisis? NO1638E

**Reply:**

The extent to which new electricity generation capacity is required is outlined in the Integrated Resource Plan (or IRP2010). New generation capacity is introduced in terms of section 34 of the Electricity Regulation Act, to which the energy regulator (NERSA) must concur. So far, NERSA has concurred to the introduction of approximately 8000MW of new capacity. In the immediate term, the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Program (REIPPP) has already brought online about 3000MW with additional 1000MW coming online in the next 2 years. Over and above the REIPP programme, we are preparing to launch the procurement processes for 800MW of cogeneration, 2500MW of base-load coal, 2300MW of hydro and 2500MW of gas-fired power generation in the period up to March 2015.