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Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office

National Assembly Question : 2074

2074. Ms D Carter (Cope) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether the Government (a) consulted with South Africans on the desirability of proceeding with a nuclear build programme and had won clear support for the direction it was proposing to take, (b) quantified the real cost of the nuclear build programme in light of the wild overruns with Medupi and Kusile Power Stations and (c) made the proper financial provisions to go ahead in the knowledge that the funding was secure and guaranteed; if not, why not in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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Reply:

- a) Yes, Government has approved Nuclear Energy for 2008 and Integrated Resource Plan 2010-2030 (IRP). These government policy documents have undergone extensive public consultation.
- b) No, the Department of Energy has commissioned a study aiming at updating the cost of nuclear power to gain an indication of cost of the nuclear new build programme.
- c) Yes