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Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office

National Assembly : 390

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Question Number 390 for oral reply asked by **Mr. G Mackay (DA)** to ask the **Minister of Energy**:

Mr. Z.Mbambo

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Dr W. Barnard

Acting Director General: Department of Energy

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Ms T Joemat-Pettersson, MP

Minister of Energy

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Mr. G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

With reference to her department's estimation of the cost of the nuclear build programme to be in the region of R500 billion, does this estimation include the cost of (a) infrastructure development, (b) upgrading the national power grid to be able to handle the added pressure caused by connecting the nuclear power stations to the grid, (c) decommissioning the nuclear power plants, (d) skills development and (e) nuclear waste management; if not, why not; if so, what will be the extent of these added costs?

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Reply:

Government has put in place a Joint Technical Task Team between Department of Energy and National Treasury to look at various issues including cost, affordability, benefit, risk and risk mitigation before we commence with the procurement process for a strategic partner or partners for the Nuclear New Build Programme.