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Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office

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435. Ms C Labuschagne (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether South Africa agrees with the minimum requirements set by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for Emergency Planning Zones (EPZ) for the establishment of nuclear reactors; if not, (a) why not and (b) what are the reasons since there is a vast difference between industry-recommended EPZs and the official IAEA regulations; if so, what are the relevant details? CW532E

Reply:

South Africa is guided by the IAEA Guidelines on EPZ. The EPZ zones are dependent on the generation type of technology used. The latest technologies are inherently safe with reduced Emergency Planning Zones.