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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**★192. Ms Z C Faku (ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

With reference to the Government's plans to expedite all viable options to increase energy supply in the short to medium-term (details furnished), (a) what challenges have been encountered in increasing the energy supply through the identified energy sources and (b) how will the Government deal with the specified challenges? **NO2009E**

**Reply**

- a) Challenges encountered in increasing energy supply include in the main, limited transmission network capacity; uncertainty in transmission connection prices which are subject to change after preferred bidders are appointed; and minor delays in announcing preferred bidders for coal and the renewable energy expedited programme due to current concerns about the Independent Power Producer Programme.
- b) A Technical team consisting of Eskom, the Department of Energy, NERSA and IPP Office has been convened to address the different transmission related issues as well as budget quotes. There is also work being undertaken to strategically unlock the transmission network constraints ahead of time to meet the needs of additional capacity as it brought online. Collaborative discussions are currently underway between my Department and the Department of Public Enterprises, which includes Eskom, to address the concerns raised by Eskom.