

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1098

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1098. Mr L W Greyling (ID) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1)(a) What are the names of the advisors who were appointed from outside to help her department to draw up the second Integrated Resource Development Plan (IRDP), (b) what positions in the private sector did they hold and (c) for which companies did they work;
- (2) Whether their previous positions will compromise the independence of the IRDP; if so,
- (3) whether she intends introducing measures to ensure that the IRDP represents the needs for the most optimum energy plan for the country as a whole and not just special interest groups; if not, why not; if so, what measures? NW1252E

Reply

- (1)(a) *The technical reference group that the Department of Energy is consulting with, includes the following people: 1. Mike Rossouw (Xstrata), 2. Shaun Nel (Gobodo), 3. Kannan Lakmeharan (Eskom System Operations), 4. Callie Fabricius (Eskom System Operations), 5. Paul Vermuelen (City Power), 6. Ian Langridge (EIUG), 7. Piet Van Staden (Sasol), 8. Doug Kuni (IPP Association), 9. Kevin Morgan (BHP Billiton), 10. Tony Iskarpyatoti (Nexant), 11. Glynn Morris (Agama) and (12) Prof Anton Eberhard (UCT).*
- (b) *The respective individuals are all senior executives (or professor) at their respective companies, association or academic institution.*
- (c) *Xstrata, Gobodo, Eskom, City Power, Anglo, Sasol, IPP Association, BHP Billiton, Nexant, Agama and UCT.*
- (2) *The above individuals provide technical advisory services to the Department. The development of the IRP is still the Department's responsibility; therefore the advisors inputs will not compromise the independence of the IRP, on the contrary it enhances the technical discourse beyond Eskom's position.*
- (3) *The development of the IRP will be done by a workgroup established by the Energy Inter-Ministerial Committee, in conjunction with all interested stakeholders. This workgroup comprises of representatives from the following departments; Public Enterprises, Economic Development, National Treasury, Water and Environmental Affairs, Cooperate Governance and Traditional Affairs, DTI, DST, Presidency, GCIS and National Planning Commission.*

*The technical reference group merely advises the Department on various technical aspects and processes for developing the assumptions for the Integrated Resource Plan, which will be the basis for the stakeholder engagement process. The technical reference group is balanced enough to avoid sectoral interests to be driven through their participation in the reference group. They have also signed confidentiality agreements with the Department that bind them not to disclose any commercial information that might be flagged as sensitive and confidential – e.g. the capital investment plans relating to third parties.*