

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION 238

#### QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY

#### **238. Mr. G J Selau (ANC) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

Whether her department intends giving municipalities a role in the roll-out of solar water heaters; if not, why not; if so, what have they done in this regard? NO3831E

#### **Reply**

Yes, the municipalities already have a role in the roll-out of the national solar water heating. There are two solar water heating programs (namely the Fiscal Programme and the Rebate Programme). Municipalities are playing a role both in the rebate and fiscus funded programmes.

#### **Programme 1: Rebate Programme**

In the rebate programme, municipalities enter into (non-exclusive) Memoranda of Understanding with energy service companies, at zero-cost to the municipality, allowing the companies to sign up households into the programme. The companies install the solar water heating systems for the households in the municipality and then claim the rebate.

#### **Programme 2: Fiscal Programme**

In the fiscal programme, the role of the municipality is to identify the beneficiaries of the solar water heating systems, and to sensitize communities about the importance, the aim and objective of the programme. The municipalities will also mobilize for the participation and employment of the local communities during the implementation process.

In general, municipalities play a facilitating role in the national rollout of solar water heaters.