

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 271**

**QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY**

**271. Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) (a) How was the loss incurred as reported by the SA Supplier Development Agency in their 2009-10 Annual Report and (b) what was the impact of the loss on the Agency's efforts to carry out its mandate;
- (2) whether in light of its poor financial performance the Agency will be effective in assisting historically disadvantaged South Africans in the industry; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, how will this be done? NO3880E

***REPLY***

- (1) SASDA has not received the support from the Oil Companies as envisaged in the mandate. This has seriously impeded SASDA's progress in carrying out its mandate. SASDA has in the interim continued with its operations through loans received from CEF. In order for SASDA to effectively carry out its mandate, one would expect either penalties be imposed on the Oil companies or a law be passed to ensure that the necessary support/buy in from the Oil Companies.
- (2) SASDA is adequately resourced, with the support of CEF, to be effective in its efforts to assist historically disadvantaged South Africans in the industry. It is also busy with structures that will generate revenue towards self-sustainability. All it needs is the political will among the oil companies.