

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1148

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1148. Mrs S V Kalyan (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether the Government has adopted a policy on energy efficiency with regard to (a) mining, (b) industry, (c) agriculture, (d) business and (e) residential dwellings; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether implementation has begun; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3)(a) Who will implement the respective policies and (b) how is (i) implementation rewarded and (ii) lack of implementation punished?NW1306E

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- (1) The department is still in the process of finalizing the review of energy efficiency strategy in order to set new and realistic targets for all sectors of the economy. The strategy was gazetted in the last financial year and due to some of the comments specifically from the industry and business sector, it is required of the DOE to consult more with BUSA, NBI, AgriSA, SALGA, SACCI and some individual members of both business and industry in order to reach a consensus on the implementation and EE savings targets. Furthermore a draft EE standard offer policy and the new PCP are being consulted upon with NERSA and other government departments through the inter-departmental Task Team on Energy.
- (2) EE strategy set a target up to 2015 and the implementation of the strategy is still on voluntary bases. Industry has done a lot in terms of the implementation of energy efficiency programmes since the signing of energy efficiency accord.
- (3) NERSA will implement the policies
  - (i) those who save electricity will be rewarded from the EEDSM tariff allocations through the standard offer model.
  - (ii) The draft Energy Conservation Scheme is under consultation with NERSA. This scheme is intended to also effect the penalties to consumers who consumed above the set target.