

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1150

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1150. Mr M J Ellis (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether the Government has implemented a policy of standards compliance with regard to energy efficiency for electrical equipment; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) Whether it is mandatory for all electrical appliances to be rated; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) Whether a data base is available to provide consumers with information on the ratings of equipment available on the market; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) On what a standard is the rating based;
- (5) Whether there is concurrency with international standards; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1308E

*Reply*

- (1) The Department together with the SABS have completed a number of energy efficiency standards and we are continuing to develop other Energy Efficiency standards. These standards will be enforced through the Energy Efficiency regulations being developed under the Energy Act. Draft regulations are being consulted upon.
- (2) The Energy Efficiency regulations, once completed will require all electrical appliances and equipments to be labelled for Energy Efficiency.
- (3) There is no data base available, however the regulations will ensure that all appliances in the market are labelled and rated for Energy Efficiency
- (4) The country has adopted the EU energy efficiency label.
- (5) The EU energy efficiency label is an internationally recognized label and it is easier for customers to understand and read.