

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION 124**

**QUESTION FOR ORAL REPLY**

**124. Mr G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

- (1) Whether her department will meet its goal of universal access to electricity for all schools by the end of 2010 through grid and non-grid technologies; if not, (a) why not, (b) how many schools will not be electrified by the target date and (c) when is it anticipated that the school electrification programme will be completed; if so, what are the relevant details? NO2645E

**Answer**

- (1) (a)&(b) The Department will by the end of 2010 electrify all the schools meeting criteria for electrification however, there is a list of 445 schools which will not be electrified at the time due to the fact that these schools are either mud structured or farm schools;
- (c) The Department has engaged Department of Basic Education (DBE) with regard to electrification of these schools. As part of DBE strategy to eradicate mud-structured schools, the Department will electrify schools as and when converted into the permanent structure;

The challenge with the farm schools is that the DBE struggles to conclude contracts between them and the farmers, these contracts are important as they allow for easy access to farm premises when installing and maintaining the electrical infrastructure that will be created by the Department.

