

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1250

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1250. Ms M R Shinn (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether there are any incentives or programmes in place to encourage municipalities to implement energy-saving lighting systems for streets and motorways; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the details of these incentives or programmes, (b) how are they financed, (c) for what time period will the incentives be in place, and (d) which municipalities (i) have and (ii) have not implemented the programmes;
- (2) Whether the programme recommends that compact fluorescent lights be replaced with high-pressure sodium lights; if not, why not; if so, what are (a) the reasons and (b) the further relevant details?

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Reply

- 1(a) Yes, there are incentives and Energy Efficiency programmes implemented by 19 municipalities which include World Cup host cities, and those with high load centres. These programmes are financed through the fiscal allocations as well as the incentive from the tariff as approved by NERSA through the MYPD2. The total amount allocated from the Fiscus is R980m while NERSA approved an amount of R5.4bn for national EEDSM programmes for three years.
- (b) The fiscal allocations are allocated through the Division of Revenue Act and the NERSA incentive is based on the standard offer model. (c) The fiscal programme started in 2009/10 and will end in 2011/12 while NERSA incentive started 2010/11 and will continue into the future.
- (d)(i) The following municipalities are busy with implementation: Tshwane, Johannesburg, Ekurhuleni, Mossel bay, Hassequa, Eden, Kannaland, George, Bitou, Mbombela, Rustenburg, Ethekwini, Buffalo City, Nelson Mandela Bay, Mangaung, Polokwane, Cape Town and Ladysmith
- (ii) Msunduzi Municipality has not started with the programme and it is understood that this is due to administrative and management challenges within the municipality.

2 (a). The programme is aimed at retrofitting the street lights with efficient technologies. Most of these municipalities have opted to replace mercury vapour lamps with a combination of High Pressure Sodium and Compact Fluorescent Lights .