

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1322

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1322 Mr. P D Dexter (COPE) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether Eskom will increase its quota for solar-produced energy from 50 MW to 500 MW per annum, if not, why not, if so, (a) what are the relevant timeframes within which this increase will happen and (b) what are the further relevant details? NW15

Reply

- (a) Eskom has recently announced the inclusion of a 100 MW solar thermal power station in the World Bank loan which was granted recently. This will be the first of its kind on the African continent and the largest in the world when commissioned in 2016. As such it is being treated as a demonstration plant which could lead the way to a fleet of such plants in future – subject to satisfactory cost, performance, availability and reliability parameters being met.
- (b) As far as future solar capacity, its timing and ownership is concerned this will be informed by the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP 2) currently being compiled by the Department of Energy.