

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1824

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1824. Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether there has been an application from a certain group (name furnished) to build several biomass power plants in the north of KwaZulu-Natal; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether there has been an application for carbon credits under the clean development mechanism; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there is any agreement on the project to sell electricity into the national grid; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2104E

Reply:

- (1) No. The Department does not receive applications for any projects. The process of concluding renewable energy projects is prescribed under the regulations for new generation capacity under the Electricity Regulation Act. NERSA receives generation application for these projects.
- (2) The department under the Designated National Authority (DNA) has not registered Thuthuka Group Limited application for Carbon Credits.
- (3) No. Any project seeking to sell power into the electricity grid has to comply with the provisions of the Electricity Regulation Act, including securing a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). A license cannot be issued without a PPA.