

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 1933

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

1933. Mr S C Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) Whether she has been informed of allegations of profiteering by fuel outlets in and around the Kruger National Park and on routes to the park through huge retail price mark-ups on diesel; if so, what steps will be taken in this regard; if not,
- (2) Whether she will investigate the allegations and prosecute any transgressors to stop the malpractice; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she has been informed of the backyard sellers of diesel around Komatipoort and near Kimberley who allegedly procure diesel from fences and re-sell the product very cheaply; if so, what steps has she taken in this regard; if not,
- (4) Whether she will investigate the matter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2321E

REPLY

- (1) No, the Minister has not been informed of these allegations. In terms of price mark ups, it has to be borne in mind that the retail price of diesel is not regulated and as such retailers have the liberty to charge whatever price they deem suitable.
- (2) Please refer to reply (1)
- (3) No, the Minister has not been informed of backyard sellers of diesel around Komatipoort or near Kimberley. However, the Department of Energy is stepping up its enforcement activities across the country in collaboration with other Government Agencies and this will include Kimberley and Komatipoort.
- (4) Yes this matter will be investigated and special attention will be given to those areas that have been flagged.