

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 2366

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

2366. Mr E J Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

- (1) (a) How much copper cable has been stolen in the past five years, (b) what is the monetary value of the cable that was stolen, (c) where was the most cable stolen, (d) how regularly is stolen cable in these high-risk areas replaced and (e) what measures are in place to accommodate the areas where cable was not replaced;
- (2) Whether all the stolen cable has been recovered; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2935E

Reply

(1) (a)

| INCIDENTS & LENGTHS | | VALUE |
|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 2005/06 | 449 (143 537 meters) | R 1 578 305 |
| 2006/07 | 1042 (228 714 meters) | R 8 560 386 |
| 2007/08 | 1680 (284 997 meters) | R 8 589 020 |
| 2008/09 | 2179 (277 088 meters) | R 11 281 345 |
| 2009/10 | 1919 (199 876 meters) | R 11 872 859 |

Note that the values above are only material values, inclusive of inflation and differs extensively depending on the specification of the stolen cable.

- (b) See schedule above
- (c) Gauteng
- (d) Immediately after the incident
- (e) Not applicable

(2) $\pm 30\%$ stolen cable recovered. The rest is processed through recycling industry.