

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION 875

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

875. Mr SC Motau (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:

Whether the town of Thyspunt in the Eastern Cape has been selected as the site for Eskom's planned pressurised water reactor (PWR) plant for the generation of electricity;

- (2) whether she is able to provide an estimation of the costs of this project; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she has formulated a budget for the implementation of the project; if so, from which portion of the national budget will funds be made available to her department for this project;
- (4) whether the funding of this project will necessitate a further tariff increase in the price of electricity; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details?

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Reply

- (1) Eskom has not communicated final decisions on any site.
- (2) No estimated costs are available.
- (3) The nuclear energy programme is part of the work of the Inter Ministerial Committee (comprising of DoE, DPE, NT, DTI, DST, EDD, DWAE, including Minister National Planning and COGTA) on Energy. The formulation of the project and its funding requirement and how it will be met will be determined and communicated through the IMC, as part of a broader programme to develop the Integrated Resource Plan for electricity.
- (4) The nuclear energy programme is part of the work of the IMC on Energy. The formulation of the funding requirement and how it will be met is yet to be finalised. All new build projects will be done within the context of the Integrated Resource Plan.

