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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY**THURSDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2025****ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY***High electricity tariffs***★255. Mr M G Modise (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

Whether his department has any (a) strategies and (b) plans to consider electricity affordability, especially for the (i) poor and/or (ii) unemployed, given the general complaints regarding high electricity prices for the average household; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

CO1422E

*Independent Transmission Programme***★241. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

(a) When and (b) what concrete plans are in place to deliver the remaining 13 000 of the 14 000 kilometres of the new transmission lines that will enable energy transition and secure economic growth, given that the recent Independent Transmission Programme Request for Qualification only covered 1 000 kilometres as indicated by his departmental report?

CO1408E

*Addressing load reduction***★256. Ms S L Sithole (North West: ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

What plans are in place to address load reduction in areas that are still affected as there are improvements to loadshedding and reduction of unplanned outages since the implementation of the Energy Action Plan?

CO1423E

*Electricity generation capacity***★262. Ms M Kennedy (Limpopo: EFF) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

(a) What measures are in place to increase South Africa's overall electricity generation capacity to meet the demand and (b) what are the further relevant details in this regard?

CO1429E

*Energy Action Plan***★250. Ms S M Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:**

(a) Which of the specific deadlines for the new generation capacity and improved Eskom maintenance of the Energy Action Plan have been missed, (b) what are the reasons for such

failures and (c) what financial costs have such delays imposed on the (i) State and (ii) economy? CO1417E

Renewable Energy Masterplan

★257. Ms M Dhlamini (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Electricity and Energy:

(a) How will the SA Renewable Energy Masterplan assist with local economic development and participation and (b) when will the masterplan be ultimately implemented? CO1424E

MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Impact of US trade tariffs

★253. Mr S P Mabilo (Northern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

- (1) How is the imposition of trade tariffs by the United States affect the security of (a) fuel and (b) prices in the country;
- (2) whether his department has any (a) strategies and (b) plans in place to combat negative impact of such tariffs on (i) fuel and (ii) economic development; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1420E

Draft Mineral Resources Development Bill

★239. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

How will the recently proposed Draft Mineral Resources Development Bill that has closed for public comments on 13 August 2025 support Government of National Unity's mandate to (a) create jobs and (b) grow economy, specifically in encouraging (i) local and (ii) international investment into the mining and petroleum industry? CO1406E

Diamond industry collaborations

★252. Ms M Dhlamini (Free State: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:

Whether his department has any strategies to strengthen collaboration between (a) the Government and (b) key players in the diamond industry to address issues that affect growth and transformation in the sector; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1419E

*Unrehabilitated farms***★263. Mr M K Montwedi (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

- (1) How many farming areas where mining activities took place remain unrehabilitated;
- (2) whether he has quantified any financial losses that have been suffered by affected (a) farmers and/or (b) communities; if not, why not; if so, what steps have been taken to address such losses? CO1430E

*Green energy developments***★238. Mr H J Van den Berg (Northern Cape: FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

- (1) (a) What is his department's current assessment of the Northern Cape's progress in green energy developments and (b) how much of the 2025/26 budget beyond the R1.6 million Just Energy Transition Investment Plan allocation has been committed to such initiatives;
- (2) what steps are being taken to address the reported delays in (a) the construction, (b) financing, (c) timelines for private sector involvement and (d) European Union Gateway funding disbursement for the Boegoeberg Bay Port project which is a key enabler for green hydrogen exports and one of the top seven infrastructure priorities? CO1405E

*Offshore/onshore natural gas exploration***★254. Ms M B Ndlangisa-Nodada (Eastern Cape: ANC) to ask the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources:**

- (1) What are the main spinoffs of (a) offshore and (b) onshore natural gas exploration for the economy of the country;
- (2) whether any economic benefits for the areas close to where such exploration is taking place onshore will be achieved; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? CO1421E

*Questions for oral reply transferred for written reply in terms of Rule 228(5):***★240. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA)—Mineral and Petroleum Resources.****★242. Mr N H Pienaar (Limpopo: DA)—Electricity and Energy.****★246. Ms L P Mhlongo (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP)—Electricity and Energy.****★248. Ms S M Mokoena (KwaZulu-Natal: MKP)—Mineral and Petroleum Resources.**

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