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**Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

1. Given that the National Energy Regulator of SA (NERSA) originally instructed Eskom to reveal its coal contracts and costs in its latest tariff application for 19.9%, (a) why did NERSA reverse this decision and allow Eskom to blackout the coal contracts and costs and (b) who instructed NERSA to reverse its decisions;
2. Whether (a) the Minister and/or (b) his department instructed and/or his department instructed and/or caused by any other means NERSA to reverse its decision?

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**RESPONSE:**

1. a) NERSA did not reverse any decision related to Eskom‘s coal contracts and costs. The decision taken by NERSA was that Eskom‘s information relating to coal contracts and cost not be published as it contained commercially sensitive information. Eskom has submitted all requested information to NERSA.

b) NERSA did not reverse any decision. (Limiting information only to the personnel of the Regulator is standard practice with all commercially sensitive information).

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