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

1. What are the details of the (a) processes followed to appoint a certain person to a certain position (name and details furnished),(b) criteria that need to be met to fill the chairpersonship and (c) energy –related qualifications that the specified person holds to be a suitable candidate to fill the role in a specialised energy-related entity;
2. whether the specified position was advertised before the specified person was appointed; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
3. whether the Minister of Science and Technology was consulted before the specified appointment was made as required by the National Energy Act ,Act 34 of 2008; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**REPLY:**

1. The details are outlined below.
2. The process followed to appoint Dr Ingrid Tufvesson to the SANEDI Board is the process outlined in section 8(2) of the Nuclear Energy Act.
3. The National Energy Act does not specify any particular criteria that must be met to fill the Chairpersonship, save for the requirement contained in section 8(9), which states that a Board member must have a relevant qualifications and experience or special knowledge.
4. The National Energy Act does not require the SANEDI Board Chairperson to hold specialist energy-related qualifications. However, the Department is confident that Dr Tufvesson possesses the necessary skill and experience to provide effective strategic leadership to the SANEDI Board and the organisation.
5. The position was not advertised, as it is not a specific requirement of the National Energy Act that this must take place.
6. Yes, the consultation with the Minister of Science and Technology was not specific to the Chairperson but rather to the Board as a whole as required by the National Energy Act.