

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DOE BUDGET VOTE 29; 2013-14

The Minister of Energy is requested, within the current financial year, to:

- Ensure progress on the following is included in quarterly reports:
 - Strengthening of internal capacity
 - Improvement of control systems in supply chain management and financial management in particular, for itself and its entities
 - Participation of the Department in SIP projects
 - The Department's engagements with municipalities;
 - Ensure focus on petrochemical downstream programmes in partnership with relevant departments as well as SOE's;
 - Report regularly on progress on regulatory accounting system
 - Expedite implementation of the SASRI Programme and brief the PCE on on any revised plan in conjunction with National Treasury;
- Expose the PCE to the envisaged SOE Forum and it's activities from time to time;
- Ensure there is a clear implementation as well as a Monitoring, Evaluation and Reviewal Plan regarding electrification of the outstanding 3.4 million household with specific reference to rural areas including concessionaires;
- Update the PCE progress regarding Tudor Shaft and the 17 special case mines on radioactive waste issues on regular basis;
- Ensure that the PCE is updated on NECSA's Generation IV technology programmes including the fuel development project in conjunction with ESKOM;
- Brief the PCE on the Department's long term strategy regarding NERSA's transformation (assuming that such transformation is integral to the overall transformation in the energy sector);
- Update the PCE on regulations that would facilitate formation of consumer forums on electricity;
- Update on transformation of the sector;
- Ensure regular updates on progress of the programmes:
 - RECORD
 - SASGI
 - SACCS
 - WORK FOR ENERGY
 - CESAR
 - GREEN TRANSPORT;

- Ensure consolidation of the drive in energy efficiency programmes especially funding of the EEDSM in conjunction with Eskom;
- Facilitate improvement on rebuilding institutional memory in the energy sector;
- Update the PCE on various energy technologies under research and development including ethanol gels as well as commercialisation thereof;
- Special focus on developing programmes on bio-digesters for rural communities in particular;
- Expedite transfer of PASA and AEMFC from DoE to DMR;
- Enhance turnaround of SASDA;
- Intensify and expand rolling out of the Basa njengo Magogo Programme;
- Intensify the SWH rollout plan in partnership with the Department of Human Settlements and municipalities as well as update the PCE on a regular basis;
- Brief the PCE on how the CEF plans to raise capital as well as resourcing of its post-restructuring programmes;
- Brief the PCE on the Department's overall strategy on how it intends supporting a restructured CEF;
- Update the PCE on joint ventures between the Department and various universities on energy initiatives;
- Update the PCE on BBBEE strategy including the finalisation of the Liquid Fuel Charter once the review of the BBBEE Codes of Practice [driven by Dti] is finalised;
- Ensure intensification of the IEC roll-out programme particularly with municipalities as a new strategic approach.