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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 1124**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

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**Deputy Director-General: Mining, Minerals and Energy Policy Development**

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**Director-General: Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**1124.** **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

Whether, considering that it was reported in 2019 that his department set a five-year target of capturing up to 5% of world exploration spend, whilst at the time the Republic had attracted just over 1% of world spend which reportedly sank to 0,8% last year, his department has any plans towards reaching the specified goal; if not, why not; if so, what (a) steps will his department take towards easing explorations in the Republic and (b) are the relevant details in this regard? **NW1263E**

**Reply:**

(a) & (b) During this time government adopted an exploration strategy together with its implementation plan and augmented the funding for Council for Geoscience (CGS) to focus primarily on geo-mapping to support exploration. The CGS has now accelerated its mapping programme and launched a data portal to increase the efficacy of data access to all.