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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: PQ 1411**

**QUESTION:**

**Mr D Joseph (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

1. Which types of functions or skills have been declared non-core in Eskom,
2. What is the budget attached to the non-core functions and/or skills as declared by Eskom and
3. How does Eskom intend to deal with the functions and/or skills that have been declared non-core?

**REPLY:**

**Accordingly to the information received from Eskom**

1. Eskom does not have specific functions that have been declared non-core. However, a general view of the business refers to the Generation, Transmission and Distribution businesses as core and critical, while functions such as Human Resources, Finance, Information Technology and similar functions as non-core. However, it has to be noted that even functions referred to as non-core are essential to the functioning of the business and will always be required by Eskom. Therefore the use of core and non-core business in classifying functions will mainly be referring to primary business operations and support functions respectively. The primary business operations mainly refers functions such as the design, engineering, construction, operations and maintenance of plants and supply of electricity to end users.
2. Based on the above definition of Eskom critical workforce segments, it is not possible to provide budget details.
3. As explained above, the non-core functions are required by the business to support the operations.