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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly : 1899**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor ***written reply*** asked by **Ms O M C Maotwe (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

**Mr. Mthokozisi Mpofu**

**Acting Deputy Director-General: Mineral and Energy Project and Programme**

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**Mr. Jacob Mbele**

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

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Reply:**

Energy Availability Factor is currently around 50%. This is a dynamic number highly dependent on operations. Department of Public Enterprises who oversees Eskom operations could provide you with updates regularly on EAF and their respective plans to increase plant availability upon request. In line with the 2019 IRP, we are continuing with procurement of additional MW to augment energy generation capacity pursuant to security of supply.