

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO.: PQ 1986**

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**1986. Ms B M van Minnen (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

What

1. Total volume of coal that Eskom purchased at
2. Above average and
3. Acceptable pricing since 2007 was found to be unsuitable and was therefore unused for power generation and
4. Is the name of each company that the unsuitable coal was purchased from in each year? NW2546E

**REPLY:**

**According to the information received from Eskom**

(a)(i) and (ii) All coal at Eskom’s coal stockyards will be used for power generation.

 The request to disclose the prices and names of associated suppliers is commercially sensitive. The utility is currently progressing coal supply negotiations with existing and potentially new coal suppliers. By disclosing the requested information to parliament and to the public, suppliers could potentially use this information to erode Eskom’s bargaining power.

(b) Not applicable.