**THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

 **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**2835. Mr D W Macpherson (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade and Industry:**

(1) What discussions did he hold with the Department of Energy regarding the designation of local content for the Government’s proposed nuclear build programme;

(2) what steps did he take to ensure that local content requirements were included in the various memoranda of understanding signed by the specified department;

(3) what (a) value and/or (b) benefits will the local manufacturing sector derive from the nuclear build programme, including (i) job creation and (ii) investment in manufacturing;

(4) has any person from his department been appointed to assist the specified department with local content and procurement; if so, (a) who has been appointed, (b) how were they selected and (c) what qualifications do they hold? NW3308E

 **Response**

1. - (4) Government promulgated the revised Integrated Resource Plan for Electricity 2010 - 2030 (IRP2010) in March 2011. The IRP made provision for 9.6 gigawatts of nuclear capacity expansion.

The Department of Trade and Industry **(the dti)** chaired the Nuclear Energy Sub-Working Group (NESWG) on Localisation, Industrialisation and Skills Development, with key economic departments and state owned companies (SOC) as participants, in support of the Nuclear Energy Working Group (NEWG).

The NESWG on Localisation, Industrialisation and Skills Development submitted its reports to the Department of Energy (DoE) dealing with all matters assigned to it.

All documents of the NESWG are classified as Top Secret and are in the possession of the DoE.

The Minister and Department of Energy have a constitutional mandate for national energy and energy related matters, inclusive of nuclear energy. Requests for programme specific information should therefore be directed to the Minister of Energy.