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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 2855**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor ***written reply*** asked **by Mr S Tambo (EFF)** to ask the **Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy.**

**Mr. Jacob Mbele**

**Director General: Department of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**Mr. S.G Mantashe**

**Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

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**2855. Mr S Tambo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

Given the Government’s commitment to COP-26 and a so-called just transition from coal to green energy resources, (a) what steps has his department taken to protect jobs in the coal industry and (b) how does his department rationalise moving away from coal as an energy resource amidst the increased importance of coal in nations such as China? **NW3453E**

**Reply:**

1. The department is initiating social dialogue with other spheres of government, labour, business, employers, workers, communities, and historically marginalised people to solicit their views in the design of a plan to protect jobs as we transition.
2. The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP2019) continues to provide a balanced policy mix of coal, renewables, gas, hydro and nuclear as part of our transition from high emitting to low emitting energy sources.