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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly : 2967**

**2967. Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Energy**

Whether her department has a policy in place allowing Eskom to charge 5 hectare smallholdings over R1 300 per day extra for electricity lines between 1 500 meters and 3 500 meters from the outskirts of towns, as if they were rural lines; if not, (a) what is the position in this regard and (b) on what statutory grounds is Eskom relying to treat the specified smallholdings on the outskirts of towns as if they were big commercial farms; if so, what are the (i) details of the policy and (ii) reasons for having put the policy in place? NW3286E

**Reply**

The Department received the question, reviewed its contents against its mandate and has determined that the most appropriate respondent should be Eskom through the Department of Public Enterprises.