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**Mr. M M Dlamini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Energy:**

1. What is the total number of households that have benefited from the rural electrification programme in each province?

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**REPLY:**

Through the Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP), the Department has embarked on a national programme that saw the electrification of over seven (7) million rural households, since 1994 to date .This is in line with programme of government to ensure universal access by 2015 to modern forms of energy. The provincial numbers are:

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| **Province** | **Number of Households** |
| Eastern Cape | **1 258 237** |
| Free State | 411 402 |
| Gauteng  | 833 818 |
| Kwa-Zulu Natal | 1 301 454 |
| Limpopo | 1 279 824 |
| Mpumalanga | 709 048 |
| North West | 809 357 |
| Northern Cape | 157 849 |
| Western Cape | 467 753 |
| Total | 7 228 742 |

In terms of 2016 community survey, access to electrify per Province is listed as follows:

* Limpopo Province 93%,
* KwaZulu Natal 89%,
* Gauteng 90%,
* Free State 94%
* North West 89%
* Western Cape 97%
* Mpumalanga 90%, and
* Eastern Cape85%