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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 306**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to 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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**306.** **Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

(1) Considering the context of the energy crisis in the Republic, what are the reasons that the Government remains committed to contracts that lock the Republic into providing electricity to (a) Botswana, (b) Namibia and (c) Mozambique;

(2) what are the relevant details of the terms of the specified contracts;

(3) whether, due to the impossibility of performance, there is the potential of reselling from the specified commitments due to the supervening impossibility of performance; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW320E**

**Reply:**

The contract between Eskom and Entities in Botswana, Namibia and Mozambique are commercial arrangements as part of regional trading. Details on the contracts can be best addressed by Eskom.