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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly : 4111**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to the 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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**4111. Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

(1) Noting how contractors appointed by different mines continue to exploit workers, (a) which measures of intervention have been put in place to ensure that workers are not exploited by contractors, (b) by what date will workers be employed directly by the mines and not through contractors and (c) what (i) total number of workers have been employed through contractors in all the mining houses and (ii) is the percentage of workers employed through contractors versus those employed directly by mines;

(2) whether he has found that mining contractors pay their workers the minimum wage as set out by the Department of Employment and Labour; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW5123E**

**Reply**

 The matter is not within the mandate of the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy as it is an operational matter which should be responded to by the mine owners.