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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 4583**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Mr T M Langa (EFF) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

**Mr. Tseliso Maqubela**

**Deputy Director-General: Mineral and Petroleum Regulation**

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**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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**4583.** **Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

What are the reasons that (a)(i) Engen and (ii) Sapref are issued a licence to import fuels when they are no longer manufacturing and/or refining and (b) the Government on its own capacity cannot take over? **NW5712E**

**Reply:**

1. In terms of guidelines governing the import and export of crude oil, petroleum products and blending components every licensed manufacturer and wholesalers are allowed to import and export petroleum products.

 South Africa is a net importer of petroleum product, meaning that even when these refineries

 were operating, they were expected to import certain portion of petroleum product.

1. There is nothing stopping state owned companies from importing petroleum products.