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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 67**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor **written reply** asked by **Mr K J Mileham (DA) to the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

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**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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**67.** **Mr K J Mileham (DA) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

(1) What are the reasons that his department is refusing to grant a diesel wholesale licence to Eskom;

(2) in light of the fact that having storage infrastructure is not a requirement for a diesel wholesale licence and that a number of wholesalers do not meet such a requirement, has he found that it is reasonable to expect Eskom to comply with the specified requirement;

(3) whether, given that Eskom is in a crisis, and that the purchase of diesel is critical to mitigating the effects of load shedding, he and/or his department will fast-track the licence application by Eskom and assist them to obtain such a licence; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? **NW67E**

**Reply:**

1. Eskom’s business case clearly demonstrated that they are not intending to be in the business of wholesale Petroleum Products. Purchasing diesel for own use does not require a Wholesale Licence.
2. As indicated above, Eskom is not in the business of wholesaling as envisaged in the law.
3. There is no impediment to the purchasing of diesel by Eskom as there are a number of experienced oil companies in the South Africa that are capable of supplying fuel to any customer at competitive prices as was envisaged by Legislation.