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 **Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**National Assembly: 73**

Please find attached a response to Parliamentary Questionfor ***written reply*** asked **by Mr M N Nxumalo (IFP)** to ask the **Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy**

**Ms Ntokozo Ngcwabe**

**Deputy Director General: Energy Policy and Planning**

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**Adv. T.S Mokoena**

**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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**73. Mr M N Nxumalo (IFP) to ask the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy:**

In light of the discovery of a second major gas find off the coast of South Africa that has put the Republic on the global energy map with even more discoveries expected in the future, how does his department intend to ensure that (a) it takes full advantage of the discovery and (b) the gas finds will be a significant boost for energy production in the Republic? NW76E

**Reply:**

1. **The department is finalising the Upstream Petroleum Bill to further augment the regulations governing the oil and gas sector.**
2. **As per the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP 2019), South Africa continues to pursue a diversified energy mix that reduces reliance on a single or a few primary energy sources. Natural Gas forms part of the country’s energy mix.**