

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 873

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873. Mr I F Julies (DA) to ask the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry:

- (1) Whether her department has conducted an energy audit to determine its (a) use of energy and (b) opportunities for reduction of energy use; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether her department has any plans to reduce energy consumption; if not, why not; if so, what plans;
- (3) whether her department has made any material reduction in energy use since 1 January 2008; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department of water affairs and forestry has not conducted its own energy audit. Since the Department of Public Works is the designated lead department for the 'Intensive campaign on energy efficiency in government buildings' project, it will assign the audit to the relevant Energy Services Company (ESCO) on behalf of the Department.
- (2) The Department is already implementing measures to reduce energy consumption in line with its Thirty Nine Point Plan on Energy Saving.
- (3) Besides the energy reduction measures that are currently being implemented, security officials conduct inspections at specific times during the day and ensure that the Department reaches the target of 25% reduction set for all government buildings. These security officials also provide feedback to individual offices on their adherence to the Plan.