

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES
QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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400. Ms E C van Lingen (Eastern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

- (1) Whether he has been approached in respect of the financial viability of the Government's intended nuclear build programme; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether the National Treasury was requested to submit a viable funding model for the (a) programme and (b) Russian Build, Own, Operate (BOO) model; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the details of the findings in each case;
- (3) whether any supply chain management processes have been followed in determining the financial viability of the (a) programme and (b) Russian BOO model; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether this project as currently proposed by the Minister of Energy will affect the long term liabilities of South Africa; if not, why not; if so, how?

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REPLY:

(1) (2) and (4):

National Treasury is currently engaging with the Department of Energy over the financing and funding model for a potential nuclear build programme. Modelling work is currently underway that takes into consideration a range of different funding approaches and assumptions, as well as the potential impact on South Africa's long-term liabilities. The work is current in progress, and recommendations are expected to be submitted to Cabinet as soon as it is completed.

(3):

In terms of processes, the National Treasury's approach is to ensure that a financial assessment is undertaken and funding arrangements are in place before a decision to commence with procurement is confirmed. National Treasury is also working with the Department of Energy on appropriate procurement options that are compliant with the current legislative framework. Recommendations from this process are expected to be submitted to Cabinet as soon as it is completed.