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**Mr T K S Letlape (ActionSA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

- (1) What impact will the withdrawal of more than R18 billion in pledged funding by the United States from the Just Energy Transition Partnership of the Republic have on its plans to transition to a low-carbon economy;
- (2) what specific programmes and/or projects under the Just Energy Transition Investment Plan will be affected by the funding withdrawal;
- (3) whether his department has conducted an assessment of the potential job losses resulting from the funding withdrawal; if not, why not; if so, what mitigation measures are being considered to protect affected workers and communities;
- (4) what impact will the funding withdrawal have on the Republic's commitments to combat climate change, such as net zero emissions by 2050?

### **1136. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- (1) The withdrawal by the United States of America from the Just Energy Transition Partnership and the International Partners Group has resulted in pledges of \$1 billion of commercial debt and equity being withdrawn from the Partnership. In addition, \$56 million of pledged grant funding has been withdrawn. Of this grant funding, 13% has been utilised on projects that are complete; 46% was allocated to projects that are in the implementation phase and 41% was allocated to approved projects but where the funding may not have been received yet.

- (2) Requests have been sent to the United States (US) Embassy to provide the requisite detail in relation to the information set out in (1) above.
- (3) Once the US Embassy provides the specifics of the impacted projects an impact assessment can be conducted, and appropriate mitigation measures will be put in place. In particular, efforts will focus on identifying alternative sources of grant funding to allocate to ongoing projects, ensuring they can be completed. Regarding the \$1 billion in commercial debt and equity, it is important to note that the domestic financing sector has substantial capital allocated to the Energy Transition, and projects are funded on a case-by-case basis.
- (4) The withdrawal of the funding will not impact the Republic's commitments to combat climate change and for South Africa to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

**Regards**



**DR D T GEORGE, MP**

**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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