



## **environmental affairs**

Department:  
Environmental Affairs  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 3383 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr R K Purdon (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**DR B E E MOLEWA, MP  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

(For written reply)

**QUESTION NO. 3383 {NW3776E}**

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**Mr R K Purdon (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

What is the total number of tons of ash that were produced by (a) Eskom and (b) Sasol (i) in the (aa) 2014-15, (bb) 2015-16 and (cc) 2016-17 financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2017?

**3383. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

As reported by third parties:

a) Eskom

(i) (aa) 2014-15: 34 410 Kilo Tons.

(bb) 2015-16: 32 586 Kilo Tons.

(cc) 2016-17: 32 612 Kilo Tons.

(ii) 01/04/17 – to date: 16 999 Kilo Tons.

b) Sasol

(i) (aa, bb and cc) and (ii)

The Sasolburg Operations (SO) and Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO) ash figures are kept separate because of the operations being in different locations. We have also separated the coarse ash (predominantly gasification ash) from the fine ash (ash generated at the steam plants). Also, please note that Sasol's financial year runs from July to June.

Ash in Tons	FY15 (1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015)	FY16 (1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016)	FY17 (July 2016 to June 2017)	1 April 2017 to 30 Sep 2017 (please note that Apr 2017 to June 2017 figures are included in FY17
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				data)
<b>Sasolburg Operations (SO)</b>				
Fine ash (boiler fine and bottom ash particles)	598 215	573 927	590 731	262 748
<b>Secunda Synfuels Operations (SSO)</b>				
Fine ash (boiler and gasification fine particles)	4 324 772	4 037 215	3 843 959	1 847 788
Coarse ash (predominantly gasification ash)	6 229 382	6 654 301	6 400 470	3 058 644
<b>Total</b>				
<b>Ash generated (all sources and types)</b>	<b>11 152 369</b>	<b>11 265 443</b>	<b>10 835 160</b>	<b>5 169 180</b>

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