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Ms H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries

Whether she has any plans to work with the Minister of Mineral Resources and Energy, Mr Gwede Mantashe, to set out the nationally determined contributions (NDC) this year in line with the Paris Agreement; if not, what is the scope of her influence and contribution to the setting of NDCs this year in line with the Paris Agreement; if so, what is her role in contributing to the development of the Republic's energy model for 2035 and 2050 in line with the Republic's commitment to the Paris Agreement to keep warming between 1.5 to 2 degrees?

324. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES REPLIES:

South Africa is fully committed to the multilateral process to address climate change under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its Paris Agreement, which includes a commitment by all countries to submit a Nationally Determined Contribution to the global mitigation and adaptation challenges. South Africa submitted its first Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) in 2015, consistent with our National Climate Change Response White Paper.

Last year, in response to a call by the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Antonio Guterres, President Ramaphosa committed South Africa to reviewing our current NDC by the end of 2020. This process will be undertaken through consultation, both within government and with broader stakeholders, including with the DMRE.

The Department has consistently worked with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) on both the Intergrated Resource Plan (IRP) (2010 and 2019) and during the draft intergrated energy planning process (IEP) (2016) to ensure that the IRP and the IEP are consistent with our climate policy and international commitments, and will continue to do so.

Regards



MS BD CREECY, MP

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

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