

Rustenburg Public Participation- 12 November 2009
Department of Energy- Minister Dipuo Peters

Question 01

There are electricity wires that are connected on the ground. This is dangerous for our children who are playing in the streets.

Question 02

The electricity cables in Seraleng have not been installed properly, as a result, when the wind is strong, the cables fall down.

Response by the minister

The department together with Eskom loses about 3,5 billion each year due to the illegal electricity connections. Wires that are roaming around the streets are caused by people who take the law into their own hands. We should stand together to fight against theft in our country by reporting such acts of crime.

Question 02

We don't have electricity in phase 02 Seraleng. When we have to charge our phones, we have to pay R5-00 to the house owner who has electricity installed in their houses.

Response by Local Mayor Wolmarans

We have asked Nersa to insure that phase 02 and 03 of Seraleng get electricity. It is currently working on it.

Question 04

Thank you to the minister for the launch of Kwanda Public Consultation as it promotes job creation and doing things for ourselves.

Response by the minister

We, as the department have asked the mine owners to establish sustainable projects in their respective communities such as roads, libraries etc, instead of slaughtering a cow and having a party for the community. These celebrations are not beneficial to the community. The mines should bring jobs and assist the municipality to strengthen the community for a longer period.

Other questions

The issue of illegal occupants in the RDP houses of Seraleng was also raised. It is believed that a certain official in the municipality is being paid by people in order to acquire ownership of houses that do not belong to them. This matter has been transferred to the Speak Out Programme and is yet to be aired.

Answers

The Minister responded by pleading with the people to address this matter internally first before taking it to TV. The matter should be resolved with the mayor and Eskom will be advised not to electrify houses of illegal occupants.