###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 2532

**2532. Mr Y Cassim (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What criteria must be met for a driving school to be qualified to offer driving lessons for vehicles of all description and (b) what is the purpose of a drivers licence test? NW2789E

**REPLY**

**(a)** There are no criteria for Driving Schools in force in Road Traffic Legislation at present. Provinces and Local Authorities apply Regulation 250 of the ROAD TRAFFIC ACT NO. 29 OF 1989 to register only Driving School Instructors.

The following should be noted in regard to the **DRAFT Driving School Legislative Framework which is not yet in force, as published in** Government Gazette, No. 38142 dated 31 October 2014 and 28 January 2015 No. Gazette 38429. This draft legislation addresses numerous of the current shortcomings in the driver training system of the country. The following is a list of the most important areas which will be addressed by the draft driving school legislative framework should the Department put this legislation in force:

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| **Legislation** | **Area which legislation will regulate once in force** |
| Section 28 | Instructor to be registered |
| Section 28A | Application for registration as instructor |
| Section 28B | Registration and grading of instructors |
| Section 28C | Suspension and cancellation of registration of instructor |
| Reg 114A | Application for registration as instructor |
| Reg114B | Examination and test to determine competence to act as instructor |
| Reg 114C | Registration of instructor |
| Reg 114D | Cancellation or suspension of registration of instructors |
| Reg 114E | Application for Grades of instructors amendment of registration of instructor |
| Reg 114F | Grades of instructors |
| Reg 114G | Manner of application for registration of driving school |
| Regulation 114H | Consideration of suitability of driving school and person or body of persons to operate a driving school |
| Reg 114I | Requirements to be met for registration of a driving school |
| Reg 114K | Manner of registration of a driving school |
| Reg 114L | Notification of change of particulars of a driving school |
| Reg 114M | Approval for appointment of an instructor prior to appointment by a registered driving school |
| Reg 114N | Grades of driving schools |
| Reg 114O | Manner of suspension or cancellation of registration of a driving school |
| Reg 114P | Duties of a driving school |
| Reg 114Q | Powers and duties of inspectorate of driving schools |

(b) The the purpose of a driving licence test is to test the competency of applicants when operating a motor vehicle on a public road whilst obeying all road rules and signs. The Driving Test is prescribed in the applicable K53 Manuals for the various categories of vehicles.