###### National Assembly

Question Number: 1029

**Mr T R Majola (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) (a) When will the maintenance plans for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa’s (PRASA) Afro 4000 DC locomotives running on 25 KV lines be submitted to the Rail Safety Regulator (RSR) and (b) what are the reasons for the delay in submitting the specified plans to the RSR;

(2) (a) why have maintenance contracts for PRASA’s Afro 4000 DC locomotives running on 25 KV lines not been submitted to the RSR yet and (b) when will the specified contracts be submitted to the RSR? NW1161E

**RESPONSE**

1. (a) I am informed that the maintenance plans for the Afro 4000 were submitted to RSR and also explained in the form of a presentation to the RSR. The plans were submitted in October 2015 as part of the required compliance documentation.

(b) See above.

1. (a)It is further reported that the maintenance contracts have not been concluded as this process is awaiting the outcome of the current legal process.

(b)The finalisation of the maintenance contract for the Afro 4000 will depend on the outcome of the Legal Process.