###### National Assembly

Question Number: 1030

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

(a) When will the air quality assessment tests of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa’s Afro 4000 DC locomotives be completed so that it can be evaluated by the Rail Safety Regulator and (b) what are the details of the process that will be followed should the specified test findings not comply with the desired criteria? NW1162E

**RESPONSE:**

1. I am informed that the tests were completed and a report was provided to the RSR on 12 April 2016.
2. It is said that the report indicated safe levels of exposure for all areas where people could be exposed. This includes the safety of operating the AFRO 4000 in tunnels. There is no danger of exposure to harmful gases from the exhaust fumes.