###### National Assembly

Question Number: 1032

**Mr G Mackay (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) Why has the water leakage problems experienced with the Gautrain project, particularly at the Rosebank station in Johannesburg, not yet been resolved, (b) when is it anticipated that the matter will be resolved, (c) what are the costs to date in this regard and (d)(i) who will bear the specified costs and (ii) why? NW1164E

**RESPONSE:**

1. The portion of the Gautrain tunnel where the ingress of water is above specification and where Bombela have been ordered to carry out Tunnel Remedial Works in terms of an order of the Arbitration Federation of Southern Africa Tribunal is limited to a stretch of tunnel between Park Station and a shaft known as E2 some 2 km south of Rosebank. Bombela’s design of the Tunnel Remedial Works in this section necessary to comply with the Tribunal’s orders has reached an advanced stage. Bombela has however, in parallel, also decided to apply to the High Court to have the Tribunal’s orders to remedy the water ingress set aside. This opposing action of Bombela is currently delaying the implementation of the Tunnel Remedial Works.
2. The matter is to be heard in the High Court on 6 and 7 June 2016. The resolution of the matter is dependent on the ruling of the Court. It is at this stage unclear how long the Court will take to make its ruling.
3. There are no costs to date for the Province. Bombela’s cost related to the remedial works is unknown because Bombela is not obliged to make this information available to the Province.
4. (i) Bombela must bear the costs.
5. Bombela is obliged, in terms of the Tribunal’s Award, to remedy the tunnel water leakage problem between Park Station and Shaft E2, at its own cost.