**National Assembly**

**Question No: 1160**

**1160. Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What total amount has been paid by his department to municipalities for the purpose of establishing and operating bus rapid transit (BRT) infrastructure and services since the inception of the grant funding;

(2) (a) which municipalities have received such support and (b) what amount has each municipality received to date;

(3) to what extent has each of the municipalities concerned been able to establish fully operational BRT services?

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**REPLY**

1. A total of R 71, 307 billion was a consolidated amount allocated to municipalities participating in the PTNG programme from the financial year 2008/09 to the current 2021/22 up to March 2022.

It should be noted that since inception and up to 2010/11 the grant allocations amounting to R 9, 033 billion were initially expended on preparations for the 2009 Confederations Cup and World Cup 2010 projects.

1. The table below indicates the names of municipalities(a) and amount disbursed to each municipality to date (b).



1. The Department is promoting an incremental approach when implementing this programme, not a wall-to-wall network approach. To date, 6 municipalities are operating their pilot phases of Integrated Public Transport Networks and planning expansion to other areas. These municipalities are the Cape Town, Johannesburg, Tshwane, Ekurhuleni, George, and Nelson Mandela Bay.

The other 4 municipalities are at an advanced stage in launching their pilot phases. These are Polokwane, Mangaung, Rustenburg and eThekwini. It should be noted that 3 municipalities were suspended from the programme for 3 years. These are Msunduzi, Mbombela, and Buffalo City. The Department together with National Treasury is finalising the readmission criteria for the suspended municipalities.