###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 11169

**1169. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) On what date does he intend to implement the Road Freight Strategy approved by Cabinet on 24 May 2017 and (b) why has the specified strategy not yet been implemented?

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**REPLY**

1. The Department of Transport is in the process of developing an Integrated Implementation Plan to heighten the roles and responsibilities of all relevant implementing agencies. This is due to the fact that implementation relies largely on different departments such as DPE, NATIONAL TREASURY, the DTI, TRANSNET, Provinces and Municipalities and the Private sector generally. We have ascertained the different needs of provinces and municipalities towards implementation, areas of collaboration with the private sector have also been established.

To this end, the DOT has begun the process towards implementation, notably, the provincial road shows, industry planning meetings, bilateral with DPE and TRANSNET to ascertain rail state of readiness to take on the rail friendly commodities that will be migrating to rail from road. We note the enthusiasm from Transnet on the road to rail migration. We have also been in discussion with RTMC and NPA on the utilisation of Weigh-In-Motion (WIM) for prosecution. The legislation division is working on the charges that need to be affected for this to come to fruition.

We have also had discussions with Cross Border Road Transport Agency to determine their regulatory system, its imminent expansion and how integration can be sought.

The implementation of the RFS is DOT co-ordinated, whilst the actual implementation lies with various agencies, State Owned Companies, Departments, other spheres of government and the Private sector.

1. The strategy is being implemented gradually, and the Integrated Implementation Plan (IIP) will further qualify the different responsibilities and responsible persons from the noted implementing agencies (Reference to (a)).