**National of Assembly**

**Question No: 1230**

**1230. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What measures has he put in place to ensure that train and minibus commuters practice social distancing? NO1550E

**Response:**

PRASA is planning to resume limited commuter rail services in the following corridors by 1 July 2020:

* + Pretoria to Pienaarspoort
  + Cape Town to Retreat Service
  + Port Elizabeth to Uitenhage Service
  + East London to Berlin

In preparing for the resumption of rail services the following social distancing measures are being put in place:

**1. Train Sets:**

Social Distance Markings

**2. Stations:**

Social Distance Markings (Platforms)

Social Distance Markings (Ticket Sales Points)

Training for Station/ Front-line staff (COVID-19 Awareness)

Isolation Area (Stations & Workplace)

**3. Workplace Environment**

Social Distance Markings

**4. Risk & Compliance**

Conduct Workplace and Service Resumption Risk Assessments

Compliance Audits & Inspections

Monitoring of crowd controlling officials & front-line staff

**5. Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment**

Train Set Marking Material

Platform Marking Paint

Workplace Marking Tape

**6. Human Capital Management**

Develop COVID-19 Employee-related procedures (Resumption of Work & Protocols)

Induction of the Staff on the COVID-19 procedures

**7. Communication**

COVID-19 Health & Safety Awareness (Internal & External)

Stakeholder Engagements

**8. Security**

Procurement of Private Security on Stations

Procurement of Platform Marshalls

Crowd Control Procedure

Training for Platform Marshalls (COVID-19 Awareness, Basic First Aid etc.)

**Public Transport response**

In accordance with Directions No 43272, section 9(3) published by the Department of Transport, it is prescribed that taxis must not carry more than 70% of their licensed passenger carrying capacity for social distancing purposes.