**National Assembly**

**Question No 127**

**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether, after the announcement he has made regarding the fixing and closing of potholes throughout the country, he will furnish Mr K P Sithole with (a) specific updates on the work that has been done in this regard in each province and (b) a report on the financial expenditure to date; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW131E

**REPLY**

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| **Roads Authority** | **Progress Reported** |
| Eastern Cape | Within the province of the Eastern Cape work is allocated to in-house and outsourced services depending on the availability of resources such as personnel and funding. Demonstrated below is the work that has been done up-to-date.

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| District | Total Pothole Repaired m²(Cumulative) | Type of Model used | Total expenditure to date |
| Joe Gqabi | 9 822 | Outsourced | R2 131 020.90 |
| Sarah Baartman | 11 268.9 | In-house & outsourced | R2 341 406.616 |
| OR Tambo | 3140.8 | In-house & outsourced | R257 276.00 |
| Chris Hani | 2 208.37 | In-house & outsourced | R375 000.00 |
| Amathole | 1322.55 | Inhouse | In-house |
| Alfred Nzo | 1205 | In-house & outsourced | In-house |

As demonstrated above the province has repaired 28 967.62 m² potholes using a combination of In-house and outsourced services.In the process of repairing potholes the province has incurred R5 104 703.51 expenditure up-to-date. |
| Free State | The programme started on 8 August and the Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport have identified roads to form part of the Vala Zonke Programme. Some roads have already been attended to and oversight visits taken place by the Minister, together with the Deputy Minister and MEC responsible for PR&T. The following roads formed part of the National Launch:* + The R57 – Sasolburg to Vaalbank road is
	+ The R59 – Sasolburg to Vredefort road is
	+ The R501 – Viljoenskoon to Potchefstroom road

A total of 15 407 square meters of potholes have been attended to in the Free State.  No contractors or implementing agents are involved. Teams from the Department perform the activities. To date the Free State spent R6,9 million on the procurement of material for the fixing of potholes by Departmental Maintenance teams  |
| Gauteng | The Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport has introduced two apps to improve the Department's response to the problem of potholes. The first app, PotholeFixGP allows the public to report potholes on any public road in Gauteng to the Department. Potholes reported by the public on provincial roads are then attended to by the Department's maintenance teams, while potholes reported on municipal and SANRAL roads are referred to the relevant road authority for attention. The app was launched on 28 May 2022 and to date, the public has reported 5 419 potholes using the PotholeFixGP app, with 990 potholes reported on provincial roads, 4 379 on municipal roads and 50 on SANRAL roads. The Department has repaired 566 of the potholes reported on provincial roads to date.The second app is an in-house maintenance app that the Department's maintenance teams use to record potholes found by them and to then report when these potholes have been repaired. This app was introduced at the end of May 2022 and to date the Department's maintenance teams have used the app to capture information for 13 291 potholes that have been repaired on the Gauteng provincial roads. At an average area of 3.4 m2 per pothole, the total area of the 13 291 potholes repaired by the Department is 44 875 m2. At an average rate of R 130/ m2 to repair a pothole, the total amount spent to repair the 13 291 potholes is R 5.8 million.(Note: The R 130/m2 is based on the rate supplied to the CSIR by the Department when we prepared the inputs for the 2021/2022 RAMP. SANRAL has reported rates of R 700/ m2 to R 1 500/ m2 to repair potholes. Using a rate of R 700/ m2, the cost to repair the 13 291 potholes would be R 31.4 million and at R1 500/ m2, it would be R 67.3 million.) |
| KwaZulu Natal | Since the launch of Vala-Zonke Program on the 8th August 2022, the Kwa Zulu-Natal Department of Transport repaired a total of 275 137 .83 m2 of blacktop compared to a provincial target of 311 963.53 m2 .The above was achieved by combination of internal teams and external service providers with a total spend of R 190 919 230.08 as at the end of the 6 month period. |
| Limpopo | Since the launch of pothole patching operation in August 2022, 92 513m2 have been repaired. The operation is carried out mainly through departmental workforce augmented by about 2 000 temporary beneficiaries. In this regard, the cost is estimated at R26 million based on material and workman-hours.  |
| Mpumalanga | The Mpumalanga Department of Public works, Roads and Transport has been repairing potholes in line with Vala Zonke pothole repairing programme using both outsourcing and internal approaches. To date, Transport Infrastructure ten months performance report indicates good performance when compare annual planned targets of 142 186 m2 vs 173 585 m2 ten months actual outputs. The Department is investing more in building internal capacity, four mechanised potholes patching machines are in operational on tourist roads in the Province and more potholes square metre are achieved within short space of time. The Mpumalanga Department of Public works, Roads and Transport has an expenditure of 52% on surfaced road potholes patching allocation as shown below.

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|  **ANNUAL BUDGET**  | **EXPENDITURE (09/01/ 2023)** | **PERCENTAGE**  |
| R340 962 000,00  |  R178 927 834,28  | **52%** |

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| Northern Cape | The Northern Cape Department of Roads and public works has been repairing potholes in line with the Vala Zonke Programme launched by National Department of Transport.The table below show the m2 of pothole patched and expenditure since the launch of the programme in August 2022 up to December 2022.

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| District or Region | AugustPothole Repairs – m2 Repaired  | September Pothole Repairs – m2 Repaired  | October Pothole Repairs – m2 Repaired  | November Pothole Repairs – m2 Repaired  | December Pothole Repairs – m2 Repaired  | TOTAL  |
| FRANCES BAARD  | 5 139,10 | 1417.18 | 952.41 | 651.64 | 499.94 | 8660.27 |
| JOHN TAOLO GAETSEWE | 1388,60 | 1 514.56 | 907.11 | 329.87 | 623.6 | 4763.74 |
| PIXLEY KA SEME | 470 | 562 | 1284.41 | 2365.90 | 412.08 | 5094.39 |
| NAMAKWA | 255.5 | 604.3 | 516.6 | 1312.64 | 1224 | 3913.04 |
| ZF MQGAWU | 207,2 | 414.35 | 378.69 | 148.05 | 96.67 | 1244.96 |
| **TOTAL m2** | **7 460,40** | **4 512.39** | **4 039.22** | **4 808.1** | **2 856.29** | **23676.40** |
| **EXPENDITURE** | **R3 249 351.01** | **R4 722 498.94** | **R3 606 965** | **R4 173 924.56** | **R2 550 638.40** | **R18 303 377.91** |

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| North West | **DR KENNETH KAUNDA DISTRICT**The annual target for the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District for the 2022/2023 fiscal period is 6970.00m² (as it appears on the District’s Operational Plan for 2022/23). For the period 01 April 2022 to 10 February 2023 the output is 29575.20m² and 9530 potholes patched (in-house and outsourced).34270.80 bags (25kg each covering 0.5m²) were applied to achieve the output of 29575.20m² (8728 potholes patched) at an expense of R2 056 248 (R60/bag).Operation Vala Zonke / Kwala Kaofela was launch on 01 August 2022. For the period 1 August 2022 to 10 February 2023 the District patched 5696.19m² and 4156 potholes (in-house and outsourced).Included in the District’s output of 29575.20m² and 9530 potholes patched, service providers (outsourced output) contributed the following: i) 2300.00m² and 280 potholes (rollover from appointment in 2021/22) and ii) 1050.00m² and 148 potholes; and iii) 9089.80m² and 374 potholes = a total of outsourced output achieved of 12439.80m² and 802 potholes patched in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District for 2022/2023 (01/04/22 – 10/02/2023) The expense in respect of the 12439.80m² (802 potholes patched by appointed service providers in terms of the Framework Agreement PWR 125/20B amounted to R4 614 873.52 for the 2022/23 fiscal year. The total cost implication in respect of 29575.20m² and 9530 potholes patched in the Dr Kenneth Kaunda District for the period 01 April 2022 to 10 February 2023 amounts to R6 671 121.52**BOJANALA DISTRICT**The total work done from August to December 2022 which is Q1 and Q2 is 8407m2 and number of total Potholes is 11 915.9 for the 2022/23 financial year.For Q3 the total work done from January to February 2023 is 671m2 and number of total Potholes is 698.20 for the 2022/23 financial year.The cumulative total as of 03 February 2023 for work done is 12614m2 and for number of Pothole is 9078.The total expenditure for the District is as follows: 1. Asphalt readymix = R1 970 640.00 2. Cement = R166 800.00 3. 9,5mm Crushed road stone= R619 476.00 4. KRS Drums = R543 375.00 5. Small Equipement = R231 816.00 6. Diesel = R3 079 320.00 **TOTAL = R 6 611 427****NGAKA MODIRI MOLEMA DISTRICT**In-house maintenance 6147 m² - Material cost R511 462,5NB: Coldmix only R83,2 per m²**Outsourced Projects** 392,3 m² – R32 361,45 : work done and number of Potholes patched is 1721 from 14 July to September 2022 for Q2In-house maintenance 12 295 m² - R1 762 519 R143,35 per m²NB: Composition of Emulsion and Crusher stone; plus ColdmixWork done and number of Potholes patched 3443 from 1st October to December 2022 for Q3In-house maintenance 3298m² - R532 308 R161,40 per m²NB: Composition of Emulsion and Crusher stoneWork done and number of Potholes patched 1045 from 1st January to 30th January 2023.The Total number of Potholes patched to date is 22 132m2 and number of Potholes to date 6209**DR. RUTH SEGOMOTSI MOMPATI DISTRICT**The total work done from August to December 2022 which is Q2 is 4 958.29 m² and number of total Potholes patched is 5 142 for the 2022/23 financial year.The total work done from 1st October to December 2022 which is Q3 is 845.13 m² and number of total Potholes patched is 896 for the 2022/23 financial yearThe total work done from 1st January to 17th February 2023 which is Q4 is 289.47 m² and the number of total Potholes patched is 321 for the 2022/23 financial year The Total number of Potholes patched to date 6 092.89 m² and number of Potholes to date 6 359 |
| Western Cape | The Western Cape Government, Department of Transport have performed routine maintenance works on the provincial road network to repair and fix potholes. The amount of blacktop patching repaired from 1 April 2022 to 31 December 2023 was 17 444 square meters. The Department do not have the itemised financial reports for the repair and fixing of potholes and cannot provide this information. |