**National Assembly**

**Question No:1421**

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

(1) How does his department intend to work with all spheres of government to rebuild the transportation networks in KwaZulu-Natal, which have been washed away in the recent flooding in the province;

(2) Whether his department will take the opportunity to make improvements to all transportation networks in the province with the view to enhance road safety and security and increase the road and network capacity; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the proposed plans? NW1738E

**REPLY**

1. A Rapid Response Team has been established under the leadership of the Director-General of Department of Transport. The team includes representatives from SANRAL, PRASA, KwaZulu-Natal province and various affected local authorities.
2. The focus of emergency response is to re-establish operations along all affected transportation networks (road and rail) within shortest timeframe. Where the above re-establishment of operations requires improvements to enhance road safety and security and increase network capacity, these will be implemented within available budgets. At this stage cleaning up operations to open affected road networks and damage assessments are still in progress. Detailed plans for each affected locality to be developed based on nature and extent of damage.