###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 1431

**1431. Mr A R Figlan (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

With regard to his reply to question 653 on 29 March 2017, pertaining to the order by the Grahamstown High Court which ordered the Eastern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works to reimburse farmers who have repaired damaged roads themselves, (a) by what date will the department be in a position to have completed evaluating its options and (b) by what date will the department obtain a final legal opinion on this matter? NW1573E

**REPLY**

The Eastern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works has read the judgement and instructed the State Attorney to appeal components of the judgement. In terms of the process, the Department filed an Application for leave to appeal the judgement. The matter was heard on the 19th May 2017 in the Grahamstown High Court, which reserved its judgement. The Department is therefore still awaiting the judgement of the Court.