**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 1473**

**1473. Ms T A Khanyile (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) Whether the Lekwa Licence and Traffic Department is fully operational;

(2) are officials employed at his department still receiving their full salaries while his department is not fully operational; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2741E

**Reply:**

At the outset, I must place it on record that the function of vehicle registration and licensing in terms of the Constitution resides with the respective Member of the Executive Council (MEC) in each province. The processes in terms of evaluation, registration and operation of Registering Authorities (RAs) Driving Licence Testing Centres (DLTCs) and Vehicle Testing Stations (VTSs) are further prescribed in the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act no 93 of 1996). Lekwa Licence and Traffic Department (it is assumed that the RA is being referred to) therefor resides under Mpumalanga province.

 (1) The Lekwa Licence and Traffic Department (RA) responsible for inter alia motor vehicle registration and licensing is not fully operational.

(2) All officials employed are receiving their full salaries including six officials that are currently suspended due to alleged involvement in fraud and corruption. The further details cannot be disclosed as due legal processes are still underway or pending. The suspension of the officials rendered the RA not fully operational.