**National Assembly**

**Question No: 1478**

**Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) With regard to the aircraft carrying 12 passengers that was unable to land on arrival at the Ladysmith Airport on 19 March 2022, what are the details of (a) the reasons that the aircraft was unable to land at the airport, (b) the action that has been taken against any SA Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) officials for failure to send out the requisite notices and (c) the compensation paid and/or payable to the owners and/or users of the aircraft for being unable to land at the airport and being forced to divert to a distant airport;

(2) whether this incident was reported to the SACAA; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW1797E

**Reply:**

**South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA))**

1. (a) the aircraft carrying 12 passengers was unable to land on arrival at the Ladysmith Airport on 19 March 2022 because the airport was closed as per the NOTAM which stated that the airport will be closed for the period 19/03/2022 @ 06:00 till 20/03/2022 @ 23: 59 (b) No action has been taken against any SACAA official because the NOTAM was published and the following is the history of the NOTAM: The initial NOTAM C0769/22 was issued on 15 March 2022 at 10h08 Local time for the 20th of March 2022 to close the Aerodrome from 06h00 to 18h00 Local time. The NOTAM was then cancelled and replaced with NOTAM C0801/22 which was issued on 18 March 2022 at 15h09 Local time for the period 19 March from 06h00 until 20 March 2022 at midnight as per the Promulgation of NOTAM request form CA 175-03 and Indemnity letter. (c) no compensation is due to the owners and/or users of the aircraft for being unable to land at the airport.
2. The incident was not reported to the SACAA.