**National Assembly**

**Question No 1491**

**Ms B Mathulelwa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) By what date will taxi ranks be built in the Eastern Cape as taxis in the townships are conducting their business on the streets which makes it dangerous for pedestrians and (b) what is the time frame in this regard?

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**REPLY**

1. In terms of institutional arrangements for land transport as prescribed in the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009, it is the responsibility of municipalities to plan, provide and manage public transport infrastructure in their areas, not the national sphere. As planning authorities, municipalities are responsible for preparing transport plans in their areas and ensuring the implementation thereof as per section 11(1)(c)(iv) of the Act. These plans must comply with minimum requirements as published in November 2014 (Government Gazette No. 38256), which requires the inclusion of a transport infrastructure strategy to deal with the development and maintenance of transport infrastructure, including public transport facilities. In terms of section 11(1)(c)(v) of the Act, municipalities are responsible for the *financial planning with regard to land transport within or affecting its area, with particular reference to transport planning,* ***infrastructure, operations, services, maintenance, monitoring and administration, with due focus on rehabilitation and maintenance of infrastructure.***
2. See (a) above regarding institutional arrangements and responsibilities.