**National Assembly**

**Question No 155**

**Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What (a) steps have been taken to provide relief to residents of Ga-Moreku in Acornhoek Ward 16 in the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, who cannot access their roads after heavy rainfall as the bridge that was built by the local business man Mr Moreku in 1976 is on the verge of collapse and (b) amount from her department’s will be allocated to repair the structure? NW160E

**REPLY**

1. The bridge in question may be one of the bridges on the unproclaimed roads, meaning that it is neither registered on the provincial road asset nor municipal road asset.

Since the recent floods, the Mpumalanga provincial government embarked on a programme to conduct an assessment to determine the extent of damage to infrastructure in the area of Bushbuckridge.

As a response to the damages caused by floods, the province and municipality agreed on a joint programme through a municipal support programme whereby a monthly activity such as grading, backfill and re-gravel are being undertaken on the affected roads.

With regard to the affected bridge, the province will be finalising the road and bridge condition assessment which will guide the type of intervention, budget and estimated timelines required.

1. The Department does not have a budget specifically allocated for this bridge, however the province has put aside a budget of R16 million for the maintenance of all bridges across the province.