###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 1596

**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) (a) What transport plans (i) have been and/or (ii) are being put in place by (aa) her department and (bb) each entity reporting to her for the 2020 Commonwealth Games, (b) what are the respective timeframes and milestones in this regard and (c) what processes, procedures and/or mechanisms have been put in place to ensure that all specified milestones are reached;

(2) (a) what amount has been budgeted in each specified case and (b) within which financial years? NW1766E

**Reply:**

1. The Department transfers funds to SANRAL for maintenance and rehabilitation of non-toll roads. The Provincial Road Maintenance Grant (PRMG) allocation is a supplementary to the province toward investments in maintenance and rehabilitation of provincial roads whereas Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funding is administered by Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

(a)(b)(c) With regards to national and provincial roads, maintenance and rehabilitation are ongoing, and the Department is awaiting for engagements with Ethekwini Municipality on critical projects that need focus. The Department shall consider any capacity requests from the municipality on implementation of critical projects that would be identified.

SANRAL will continue with its own normal routine road maintenance work to ensure that the national road network in KwaZulu-Natal is in good condition**.**

1. (a)(b) At the moment, no request was forwarded to the Department though maintenance is continued in the vicinity of the targeted area. Budgets will be allocated as soon as engagements with Treasury as well as host city have taken place.

**Public Transport Branch**

 The Department of Transport and the eThekwini Transport Authority are working together

 through the delivery of Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network (IRPTN) for the

 Commonwealth Games in 2022. The IRPTN is expected to enhance capacity to be able

 to address all the spectator and visitors’ transport needs, as well as some of the athletes’

 Transport needs.

(1)(b) It is planned that the following elements of the IRPTN, most of which are already being implemented, will be in place in time for the Games:

* 1. C3 Corridor: Pinetown – Bridge City/KwaMashu, start of operations around July 2017
	2. C9 Corridor: Bridge City/KwaMashu – Cornubia (Athletes’ Village) – Umhlanga, start of operations around July 2019
	3. C2 Corridor (rail by PRASA): Bridge City/KwaMashu – CBD – Umlazi), introduction of new trains in the second half of 2018
	4. Inner City Distribution System (ICDS) in CBD: a portion is already in operation from the 2010 FIFA World Cup. The extended network will be fully operational around July 2019
	5. Airport to CBD service contract, along mainly the N2 and M4 links (Contract expected to be awarded around January 2017). In addition, discussions are also underway to look at the possibility of accelerating the implementation of the C8 Corridor (Airport – Cornubia/Athletes’ Village – Umhlanga – CBD) from Phase 3 of the IRPTN to Phase1.

The Department and the eThekwini Authority meets on a quarterly basis to consider project progress on the delivery of IRPTNs.

For the event itself, a high level event transport plan has been put together to address the requirements of the athletes, Commonwealth Games Family, VIP’s and Games’ support. This plan will be fine-tuned as event sites are firmed up.

1. In the 2016/17 Medium Term Expenditure Framework, the city of eThekwini will receive a total amount of almost R3 billion from the Public Transport Network Grant (PTNG) for its Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network, and about R1.8 billion of City’s own contribution specifically to deliver on these. No provision has yet been made for event transport, this will be done in future financial years. Some R30 million will be provided in the 16/17 MTEF for the planning.