**National Assembly**

**Generic Question No 1597**

**Mrs S P Kopane (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether (a) his department and/or (b) entities reporting to him concluded any commercial contracts with (i) the government of the Russian Federation and/or (ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, for each commercial contract, what are the (aa) relevant details, (bb) values, (cc) time frames, (dd) goods contracted and (ee) reasons why these goods could not be contracted in the Republic? NW1922E

**REPLY**

 **Department**

The Department of has not concluded any commercial contracts with the government of the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017.

 Therefore (aa) (bb) (cc) (dd) (ee) Not applicable

**Airports Company South Africa (ACSA)**

 ACSAhas not concluded commercial contracts with (i) the government of the Russian Federation and/or (ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017.

**Air Traffic and Navigation Services (ATNS)**

There are no registered contracts between ATNS and the Russian Federation.

**Cross Border Road Transport Agency (CBRTA**

1. (i) and (ii) The Cross-Border Road Transport Agency (C-BRTA) did not conclude any commercial contracts with the government of the Russian Federation or any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017.
2. (bb) (cc) (dd) and (ee) Not applicable as the C-BRTA is contracting goods within the Republic and has not had a need to procure goods from the Russian Federation or any other entity in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017.

**Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA)**

 (b) (i) The Road Traffic Infringement Agency entity did not conclude any commercial contracts with the government of the Russian Federation and/or

 (b) (ii) The public entity did not conclude any commercial contracts with any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017.

(aa) Not applicable,

(bb) Not applicable,

(cc) Not applicable,

(dd) Not applicable, and

(ee) Not applicable

**South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)**

(b) (i) and (ii) SANRAL has not concluded any commercial contracts with the Russian Federation, or any entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017 or before that date. As a state-owned company SANRAL takes guidance on international relations from the Minister in his capacity as the shareholder representative of Government with regard to executive authority over SANRAL.

(aa) Not applicable,

(bb) Not applicable,

(cc) Not applicable,

(dd) Not applicable, and

(ee) Not applicable

**Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC)**

(b) (i) and (ii) The Road Traffic Management Corporation has never concluded any commercial contracts with the Russian Federation.

(aa) Not applicable,

(bb) Not applicable,

(cc) Not applicable,

(dd) Not applicable, and

(ee) Not applicable

**Road Accident Fund (RAF)**

(b) Road Accident Fund has not concluded any commercial contracts with

(i) the government of the Russian Federation and/or

(ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017; as there was no necessity to conclude a commercial contract with the government of the Russian Federation or any other entity based in the Russian Federation.

(aa) Not applicable,

(bb) Not applicable,

(cc) Not applicable,

(dd) Not applicable, and

(ee) Not applicable

**Railway Safety Regulator (RSR)**

The Railway Safety Regulator (RSR) has not concluded any commercial contract with any Russian entity or the government of Russia since 1 April 2017 to date.

 **Ports Regulator of South Africa(PRSA)**

(a) N/A

(b) The Ports Regulator did not conclude any commercial contracts with the (i) government of the Russian Federation and/or (ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 01 April 2017.

(aa) N/A

(bb) N/A

(cc) N/A

(dd) N/A

(ee) N/A

**Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA)**

(b) The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa has not concluded any commercial contract with any Russian entity or the government of Russia since 1 April 2017 to date

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

(b) N/A (b) the South African Civil Aviation Authority HAS NOT concluded any commercial contract with (i) the government of the Russian Federation and/or (ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017 (aa) N/A (bb) N/A (cc) N/A (dd) N/A (ee) N/A.

**South Africa Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)**

(b) Yes, South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)

(i)No

(ii)Russian Maritime Register of Shipping

(aa)A Recognition Organisation (RO) Agreement was signed on the 6th of August 2019 between Russian Maritime of Shipping and SAMSA in compliance with Section 18 “Delegation of Authority” of the IMO Instruments implementation (III) Code for any South African ship, allowing a South African ship-owner or manager to use the Russian Register of Shipping as a ship’s classification society in order to conduct statutory surveys on behalf of SAMSA.

(bb)There is no financial burden on the South African Government associated with this contract. The classification society acts on behalf of the ship-owner and all costs related to their services are for the ship- owner’s account.

(cc)This RO Agreement expires on 5 August 2024 (5 years from date of signing).

(dd)The contract is a general agreement as signed with all other recognised classification societies globally by South Africa.

(ee)There are currently no South African ships using the Russian Register of Shipping as their classification society.