###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 1638

**Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) With reference to her reply to question 623 on 24 April 2013, (a) how many taxis have been scrapped through the Taxi Recapitalisation Programme, (b) what is the estimated average value of the scrapped taxis and (c) what are the details of the standard procedure when someone applies to scrap their taxi;

(2) (a) who should applicants contact to scrap their taxis, (b) where is each office dealing with such applications situated, (c) under which department and/or section within her department do these offices operate and (d) what happens to taxis that are scrapped through the specified programme? NW1808E

**REPLY**

1. (a) A total of 64,859 old taxi vehicles have been scrapped from the commencement of the programme to the end of March 2016. A total of 3,225 taxis were scrapped in the last financial year (1April 2015-31March 2016)

(b) The scrapping allowance for the current financial year is R82,400.00 but this is recalculated annually based on changes in the CPI. The scrapping for the last financial year was R77,000.00

(c) Standard Application Procedure in Brief:

* An application submission consisting of application forms and supporting documentation (such as original certified copies of: the vehicle registration certificate, operating license, identity document etc.,) is submitted to a TSA main centre in the province.
* The application is captured and then runs through several system background checks as well as manual checks on data and information sourced from both eNATIS and OLAS and across other substantiating documentation as may be required and/ or requested depending on application type.
* On completion of successful documentary checks, the old taxi vehicle is scheduled for a vehicle inspection and then called to the site of application for physical checks and verification of vehicle identifying marks.
* On completion of vehicle inspection, the vehicle is deregistered with the local licensing authority and payment via EFT of the scrapping allowance is then made to the successful applicant.
* The old taxi vehicle is subsequently prepared for demolition, demolished and the scrap metal and other waste products disposed of according to waste regulations.

1. (a, b) The TSA National Call Centre number 0860 88 11 33 and the website address is [www.scraptaxi.net](http://www.scraptaxi.net). There is a TSA main centre in each province and two in Gauteng, physical address and contact details are as follows:

* Gauteng: Elandsfontein - Cnr Kraft & North Reef Roads, 51 Rietfontein, 63IR, Elandsfontein Cell: 079 879 4316 Tel: (011) 822 9082
* Gauteng: Rosslyn - 108 Diamant Street, Akasia Rosslyn Cell: 079 527 3575 Tel: (012) 542 7411
* Mpumalanga - 25 Katoen, White River Cell: 079 524 8165 Tel: (013) 751 2841/ 750 0598
* Kwa Zulu Natal - 35 Yaborough Road, Mkhondeni, Pietermaritzburg, 3201 Cell: 079 524 8166 Tel: (033) 386 0272
* Eastern Cape - Old Government Garage, Zwelitsha, 5608 Cell: 079 517 6301 Tel: (040) 655 1100
* Free State - 11 Yellow Street, Botshabelo, 9781 Cell: 079 527 3700 Tel: (051) 534 6348
* Polokwane - Seshego Industrial Park, Unit 13, Freedom Drive, Zone 6, 0700 Cell: 079 557 6272 Tel: (015) 223 0578
* North West - 1138 Matlalong, Department of Public Works, Road and Transport, Mmabatho 2735 Cell: 079 527 3539 Tel: (018) 384 2844
* Western Cape - 18 Bloemhof Road, Ottery Cell: 079 884 4241 Tel: (021) 703 5963/ 5879
* Northern Cape - 37 Central Road, Cnr Central & Woodburne Streets, Beaconsfield, Kimberley, 8300 Cell: 079 527 3700

(c) Branch: Public Transport, Chief Directorate: Public Transport Industry Development, Directorate: Taxi Recapitalisation Project

(d) The demolished taxi vehicles are sold as scrap metal and the proceeds received are distributed through the Transport Development Trust for project that benefit the Taxi Industry.