**National Assembly**

**Question No 1699**

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

Whether, given that roadshows and a Taxi Indaba was held where the formalisation of the taxi industry was discussed and that various proposals came to the fore that would ensure that economic benefits reach all operators in the industry, he will furnish Mrs N J Nolutshungu with a detailed progress report on (a) what has been done so far and (b) the envisaged implementation date of the taxi subsidy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2024E

**REPLY**

1. **What has been done so far?**

Following the National Taxi Lekgotla held in October 2020, the Department established a Joint Technical Task Team (JTTT) to oversee the implementation of Lekgotla resolutions. The JTTT is comprised of government and the taxi industry. An Implementation Plan has been developed to guide the process and serve as a monitoring tool in as far as progress is concerned in terms of short, medium and long term activities. The implementation of short-term activities has commenced.

1. **the envisaged implementation date of the taxi subsidy; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?**

The Department is developing a Public Transport Subsidy Policy that will guide the distribution of subsidies in line with demand without focusing on modes of transport. This implies, amongst others, that the policy is advocating for the inclusion of other role players such as the minibus taxi operators in the public transport subsidy. The policy is currently being consulted with stakeholders and will be submitted to Cabinet for approval and only then will it be implemented.