**NationalAssembly**

**Question No: 1723**

**1723. Mr T B Mabhena (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) Whether his department has distributed any face masks in the past two months; if so, (a) what number of face masks have been issued and distributed to (i) taxi ranks and/or (ii) taxi associations throughout the Republic and (b) on what dates were the specified face masks delivered in each case;

(2) whether there was acknowledgment of receipt in each case; if so, will he furnish Mr T B Mabhena with a copy of such correspondence;

(3) whattotal amount has his department paid in the past two months for the issuing and distribution of face masks to taxi ranks and/or taxi organizations throughout the Republic? NW2113E

**REPLY**

1. The Department did not distribute any masks in the past two months. National Treasury has mandated Provinces and Local Authorities to utilise a percentage of allocated Grant Funding to procure PPE’s for transport industry. As such procurement of masks and other PPE’s are done at provincial and local level.
2. Not applicable as the Department did not deliver any masks in the last two months. See response (1) supra.
3. Not applicable as the Department did not procure any masks in the last two months. See response to (1) supra.