**National Assembly

Question Number: 1750Mr S J Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What total amount was given to the SA Taxi Council (i) in the (aa) 2012-13. (bb) 2013-14 and (cc) 2014-15 financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2015 and (b) what were these funds used for in each case? NW1968E

**REPLY:**(a) (i) Payments to SANTACO are as follows:

(aa) 2012-13 financial year R16 460 000.00

(bb) 2013-14 financial year R17 365 00

(cc) 2014-15 financial year R18 407 000.00

(ii) The process of concluding an MOA with SANTACO for the 2015/16 year is still underway, therefore no payment has been made since April 2015

(b) These amounts are allocated to SANTACO every financial year based on the recommendations of the 1996 National Taxi Task Team (NTTT) that comprised of members from Provincial Departments, the National Department and the Taxi Industry. Key recommendations of the National Taxi Task Team were:

Formalization of the Taxi industry

▪ Regulation and Control
▪ Training and Capacity Building
▪ Safety and Law Enforcement
▪ Economic Empowerment

Government committed to funding the establishment of SANTACO to support the formalisation of the Industry as well as to implement the key recommendations of the National Taxi Task Team.