**National Assembly**

**Question No 1759**

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply to question 898 on 20 April 2018, and subsequent question 687 reference number NW810E, he will furnish Mr C H H Hunsinger with a copy of the detailed statement of Income and Expenditure of all monies received and disbursed by the City of (CoE), for the special purpose vehicles for Katlehong, Tembisa, Vosloorus and Reiger Park (the KTVR) and the Ekurhuleni Taxi Industry Trust on the Bus Rapid Transport Project; if not, why not; if so, on what date;

(2) (a) what were the responses by the CoE on the various issues raised by his office and (b) how were his concerns conveyed to the CoE;

(3) whether he will furnish Mr C H H Hunsinger with copies of the correspondence; if not, why not; if so, on what date? NW2088E

**REPLY**

1. Honourable Hunsinger is welcome to meet directly with the City of Ekurhuleni as well as the KTVR operator to perform a detailed analysis of KTVR’s financial statements. KTVR’s operations cost numbers are highlighted below.

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| **Line Items**  | **2017/18** | **2018/19** | **2019/20** | **2020/21** |
| Operations Cost | R119,2m | R126,7m | R168,4m | R232,2m |

1. (a)(b) The City of Ekurhuleni has acknowledged the criticism from NDoT (especially from 2019) in bilateral meetings held regularly 2 to 3 times a year. On the 05 March 2019, the Deputy Director General: Public Transport called all the cities to a meeting to direct them on the revised focus of the PTNG for 2019/20 on wards which is to fastrack operations while scaling back on infrastructure plans and spending and put them on notice to launch.

The City team is trying their best to finalise long outstanding matters like concluding minibus operator negotiations, scaling up to 80 buses and 20 000 passenger trips per weekday etc. Currently the city has deployed 40 buses, is procuring 15 more and plans to conclude negotiations by February 2023.

1. The majority of feedback has occurred in regular bilateral discussions. Please contact the Public Transport Branch at the NDoT for further information if required.