**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 182**

**182. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) With reference to the reply to question 687 on 3 April 2019, (a) what were the exact dates on which his department met with the City of Ekurhuleni and (b) who attended each meeting;

(2) whether the notice of the meetings were given in writing; if so,

(3) whether he will furnish Mr M Waters with (a) a copy of the written notice and (b)(i) any additional correspondence issued to the City and (ii) the responses of the City thereto;

(4) what exactly does he mean when he says the City will face the consequences? NW1140E

**REPLY**

1. With reference to the reply to question 687 on 3 April 2019, (a) what were the exact dates on which his department met with the City of Ekurhuleni and (b) who attended each meeting;

The first meeting was on 26 June 2018 and was part of a 2 day follow up engagement on the project financials with 6 of the 13 Public Transport Network Grant cities. The City of Ekurhuleni presented and took questions during a two hour slot. The session was attended by DoT and Treasury officials led by the Acting Chief Director for Public Transport Network Development, Mr Ibrahim Seedat. The City IPTN project team attended led by acting HoD for Transport, Ms Dorothy Mabuza.

The second meeting was a standing bilateral on 27 September 2018 and was again led by Ms Dorothy Mabuza for the City and Mr I Seedat, Director Public Transport Networks for the DoT.

The third meeting was a standing bilateral on 13 March 2019 and was led by Mr Kabelo Mothobi, IPTN Division Head Legal for the City and Ms Khibi Manana, Chief Director for Public Transport Network Development for the DoT.

(2) Whether the notice of the meetings were given in writing; if so,

These are project review or bilateral meetings and notices are confirmed either through a request for a meeting by email or via direct emails.

(3) Whether he will furnish Mr M Waters with (a) a copy of the written notice and (b)(i) any additional correspondence issued to the City and (ii) the responses of the City thereto;

Written notices and responses for the three meetings are attached.

(4) What exactly does he mean when he says the City will face the consequences?

This refers to invoking the relevant sections of the Division of Revenue Act in consultation with National Treasury to either withhold or reallocate in year budgets and secondly to deprioritise the City’s IPTN project in the next annual MTEF budget allocation process, due to ongoing lack of performance.

These measures will only be invoked if the City is unwilling or unable to correct deficiencies after several engagements and will be elevated to the level of Director General and Municipal Manager prior to any final decision being taken.

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