**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 184**

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

(1) With reference to the reply to question 3520 of 10 November 2017, on which specific date did (a) the Bus Rapid Transport kerbside and (b) trunk route both become fully operational;

(2) have negotiations with taxi associations been completed; if not, what are the obstacles preventing finalisation of the negotiations;

(3) on what date were all the pedestrian bridges (a) completed and (b) opened?

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**REPLY:**

(1) With reference to the reply to question 3520 of 10 November 2017, on which specific date did (a) the Bus Rapid Transport kerbside and (b) trunk route both become fully operational;

(a) The Kerbside operations of the City of Ekurhuleni’s Bus Transport commenced in October 2017 with an introductory service (operating with limited buses) which will be ramped up to full operations as the system matures.

(b) The trunk route is not fully operational. The operations of the trunk route have been delayed by the construction of median trunk stations and the stream crossing. The trunk route is expected to be fully operational early 2019/20 financial year.

(2) Have negotiations with taxi associations been completed; if not, what are the obstacles preventing finalisation of the negotiations;

Significant progress has been made regarding the negotiations with the Taxi industry, however the negotiations were suspended due to the expired contract of the Taxi Industry Technical Advisory (TITA) Team. The pending appointment of TITA and Market surveys are the main obstacles preventing the conclusion of the negotiations.

(3) On what date were all the pedestrian bridges (a) completed and (b) opened?

(a) The pedestrian bridges are still underway construction. The completion of the pedestrian bridges was delayed by design related issues including the bulk water pipeline which was detected during construction and plexiglass specifications.

(b) The planned completion date for pedestrian bridges is during May 2019.