**National Assembly**

**Question No: 1883**

**Dr D T George (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

1. Whether, with reference to the approval by the City of Ekurhuleni Municipal Council of item: A-TP (01-2021) in its virtual sitting on 28 January 2021, which sought to pay interim compensation to the Ekurhuleni taxi industry for the operation of phase 1 of the Integrated Rapid Public Transport Network project, the National Treasury has found that the compensation is necessary; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, will the National Treasury be ensuring that the approved item is actioned;

(2) (a) what is the total figure in respect of the approved recommendation stating that the payment of R10,00 fare per passenger on the Harambee Service between Tembisa-ORTIA and extension to Bartlett to affected taxi operators for the daily passenger revenue loss, which will be from the R17,00 per passenger fare collected, (b) what are the reasons that the amount to be paid has not been capped and (c) which taxi associations are part of the Ekurhuleni taxi industry;

(3) whether the National Treasury has received correspondence from the caucus of a certain political party (name furnished) on this matter; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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 **REPLY**

1 (a) In line with the Public Transport Action Plan and Strategy of 2007, the National Land Transport Act (NLTA) of 2009 and the Division of Revenue Act (DORA) Public Transport Network Grant framework, provision is made for the payment of compensation to incumbent public transport operators whose businesses will be affected by the implementation of Integrated Public Transport Networks (IPTN’s).

The interim compensation item is contained in periodic project progress reports that are submitted to the National Department of Transport and National Treasury.

The NDoT has informed the City that the interim compensation started in 2017/18 and was expected to be replaced by a final compensation agreement by 2018/19. The City is therefore required to urgently conclude a final negotiated compensation agreement that is based on an accurate valuation of the operating licences that will be affected.

2(a)R3.6 million.

2(b)The interim compensation agreement makes provision of R10.00 per fare paying passenger for the compensation of daily passenger revenue loss.

2(c) The Ekurhuleni Taxi Industry (ETI) comprises of the following Associations:-

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| **LIST OF TAXI ASSOCIATIONS WITH COE AREA** |
| **No.** | **Taxi Association** | **Abbreviation** |
|  | Johannesburg Tembisa Taxi Association | JJTA |
|  | Kempton Park Taxi Association | KETA |
|  | Birchleigh Oakmoor Taxi Association | BOTA |
|  | Lethabong Taxi Association | LETA |
|  | Tembisa Pretoria Taxi Association | TEPTA |
|  | Tembisa Alexandra Taxi association | TATA |
|  | Tembisa Local Taxi Association | TELTA |
|  | Tembisa Long distance Taxi Association | TELDTA |
|  | Benoni Taxi Association | BTA |
|  | Greater Brakpan Taxi Association | GBTA |
|  | Springs Long Distance Taxi Association | SLDTA |
|  | Springs Taxi Association | STA |
|  | Nigel Taxi Association | NTA |
|  | Daveyton-Kempton Park Taxi Association | DKTA |
|  | Zonkizizwe Taxi Association | ZOTA |
|  | Vosloorus Boksburg District Taxi Association | VBDTA |
|  | Katlehong People’s Taxi Association | KAPTA |
|  | Reiger Park Boksburg District Taxi Association | RTA |
|  | Greater Germiston Taxi Association | GGTA |
|  | Greater Alberton Taxi Association | GATA |
|  | Bushbuck Transport Services | BTS |
|  | Thaba-Bosiu Express Services  | TBES |
|  | Thahameso Nthwanatsatsi Thusanang | TNT |
| **LIST OF TAXI ASSOCIATIONS WITH COE AREA** |
| **No.** | **Taxi Association** | **Abbreviation** |
|  | Germiston-Natalspruite LD Taxi Association | GNLDTA |
|  | Germiston Limpopo LDTA | GLLDTA |
|  | Ezibeleni Sterkspruite LDTA | ESLDTA |
|  | Germiston- Jane Furse LDTA | GJFLDTA |
|  | Inkanyezi LDTA | INLDTA |
|  | Thuthukani LDTA | TLDTA |
|  | Zamokhuhle LDTA | ZLDTA |
|  | Taung-Bophirima LDTA | TBLDTA |
|  | Izizwezomsinga LDTA | IZLDTA |

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| **CROSS-BORDER OPERATORS REGISTERED WITH THE CROSS-BORDER ROAD TRANSPORT AGENCY (CBRTA), OPERATING THE CROSS-BORDER ROUTES FROM WITHIN THE AREA OF JURISDICTION:** |
| **No.** | **Taxi Association** | **Abbreviation** |
| 1. | Boksburg Cross-Border Taxi Association |  |
| 2. | Ekurhuleni Cross-Border Taxi Association |  |
| 3. | Kempton Park Taxi Association (Cross-Border members) | KETACB |
| 4. | Benoni Taxi Association (Cross-Border members) | BTACB |
| 5. | Springs Long Distance Taxi Association (Cross-Border members) | SLDTACB |
| 6. | Springs Cross-Border Taxi Association | SLDTACB |
| 7. | Thaba-Bosiu Express Taxi Association (members) | TBES |
| 8. | Kopanang Dikila Makaota Cross-Border Tax Association??? | KDMCBTA |
| 9. | Thahameso Nthwanatsatsi Thusanang Taxi Association | TNT |
| 10 | AMR Chitova Bus Express (Pty) Ltd |  |
| 11 | LJ Mokhabela Bus Company |  |

(3) The NDoT has not been informed of the abovementioned correspondence by National Treasury and requests that this be sent directly to the Director General of the Department of Transport.