**National of Assembly**

**Question No: 1908**

**1908. Mr. C H HHunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What mechanisms has his department put in place to curb any future disruptions in the road freight sector due to protests arising from unhappiness related to the employment of foreign nationals as truck drivers, as has been seen recently on or about 7 July 2020;

(2) what number of (a) South African nationals and (b) foreign nationals are currently employed in the road freight industry in each province?NW2423E

**REPLY**

1. At national level, the Department of Transport led by the Department of Employment and Labouris a participant in a National Task Team (NTT) and Inter-Ministerial Task Team which have been constituted at address issues related to employment of foreign nationals, legislative and policy review.The NTT has recently been incorporated within the operational structures of the National Joint Operations Centre (NATJOC).In addition to the Department of Employment and Labour, the Department of Transport, the NTT is further made up of the Department of Home Affairs, the Bargaining Council and the SAPS. A comprehensive action plan with time frames and deliverables have been compiled and is currently been monitored at the NATJOC level. At a Provincial level, the Provincial Task Team was constituted to address operational issues within the KZN Province and is led by the office of the Premier of the KZN Province.
2. The information has been sourced from the National Bargaining Council and is listed in Table 1 and 2 below. It must be stated that the numbers below pertains only to those companies which are registered with Bargaining Council and fall within its scope

(a) South African nationals per Province

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| **Province** | **Number of SA nationals** |
| Gauteng | 65952 |
| Kwa Zulu Natal | 16098 |
| Western Cape | 18768 |
| Northern Cape | 1269 |
| Eastern Cape | 5959 |
| Northwest | 2614 |
| Mpumalanga | 7910 |
| Limpopo | 1209 |
| Free State | 3654 |
| **Total** | **123433** |

1. Foreign Nationals Per Province

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| **Province** | **Number of foreign nationals** |
| Gauteng | 4512 |
| Kwa -Zulu Natal | 1759 |
| Western Cape | 1089 |
| Northern Cape | 104 |
| Eastern Cape | 164 |
| Northwest | 317 |
| Mpumalanga | 845 |
| Limpopo | 108 |
| Free State | 485 |
| **Total** | **9383** |