**National Assembly**

**Question No 2001**

**Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

In light of the announcement made by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the State of the Nation Address on 20 June 2019, regarding the introduction of high-speed bullet trains, what (a) is the total estimated cost for the entire project and (b) period will it take to finalise the project? NW2262E

**REPLY**

1. The Department of Transport has developed a High Speed Rail (HSR) Framework following the adoption of the White Paper on National Rail Policy by Cabinet on 23 March 2022. Drawing its policy direction from the National Rail Policy, the draft HSR Framework provides the foundation for the prioritisation of HSR corridors in the country. Following approval of the draft HSR Framework by Cabinet and the securing of the required funding, feasibility studies will be undertaken on prioritised HSR corridors. The outcome of feasibility studies on priority corridors will determine the estimated cost of implementing HSR on a specific priority corridor.
2. See response in (a).