**National Assembly**

**Question No: 2107**

**Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

1. On what date did the (a) Bus Rapid Transport (BRT) kerbside and (b) trunk route both become fully operational;

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

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

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a) The BRT kerbside operations of the City of Ekurhuleni’s Bus Transport commenced in October 2017 with an introductory service (operating with limited buses). In January 2019, the system was expanded further North, to commence from Tembisa Hospital. The kerbside operations use portions of the dedicated lanes, except in areas where construction is underway at stream crossings and trunk stations.

(b) The BRT trunk route operations are planned to commence from September 2021 in a staged approach. 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 during the 2021/2022 financial year as the stations are at practical completion and significant progress has been made on the stream crossings construction.

1. The following processes needs to be completed:

* Registration process (identification of affected operators) – negotiations can

only be undertaken with the affected operators;

* Cost component of the Business Value Surveys (revenue information has

been signed off); and

* Execution of the Market Share Surveys.

As a result, negotiations can only be undertaken after all the above relevant Industry Transition processes have been completed.

(3)(a) Construction of the pedestrian bridges was completed in June 2019.

(b) The bridges are not yet fully open pending completion and operationalization of the

median trunk station in September 2021. Pedestrians have however been allowed

to use the bridges to cross the trunk route since completion in June 2019.