**National Assembly**

**Question No: 2108**

**2108. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether, with reference to his reply to question 687 on 3 April 2019, his department has withheld any transfers; if not, why not; if so, (a) what amount has been withheld, (b) from what date were transfers withheld and (c) what are the further relevant details?

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**REPLY**

1. There were no transfers that were withheld, in the 2018/2019 financial year for the municipality.
2. Not Applicable.
3. Even though transfers were not withheld, a portion of the Public Transport Network Grants (PTNG) Allocations was stopped, in terms of the Division of Revenue Act (DoRA) section 19, in order to mitigate and reduce the municipality’s low expenditure trajectory.

An amount totalling R90 million was effectively stopped, made up of an initial R48,5 million identified by National Treasury and Department of Transport as part of the expenditure review. An additional R41,5 million was volunteered by the municipality.

The municipality’s original PTNG allocation amounting to R694,6 million was reduced to R604,6 million.

The stopped R90 million allocation was subsequently reallocated, in terms of DoRA section 20, to other municipalities within the PTNG programme, based on their capacity to absorb further allocations.