**National Assembly**

**Question No 2233**

**Mr M K Montwedi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What are the reasons that his department is failing to maintain the national roads in the North West, which require serious repairs and are characterised as horror roads as they continue to take away the lives of persons? NW2649E

**REPLY**

The national roads in the North-West totalling 2513 km under the South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) have active routine maintenance contracts in place and are well maintained. In addition, a further estimated R3.8 bn will be spent over the next three years on various maintenance and improvement projects on these national roads in the North-West which will result in the addressing of identified defects on those national road sections that are at the end of their original 20-year design life.

The challenge is with the portions of the national road network which are not currently under the jurisdiction of SANRAL i.e., the N12 through the towns of Wolmaransstad, Klerksdorp and Potchefstroom. Various engagements with the North-West Province are currently underway by my Department which has resulted in SANRAL being appointed as the Implementing Agent by the Province for urgent repairs on the N12 through those towns and those works are currently in progress. As part of these engagements the remaining sections of the national roads in the North-West Province (including the N12) will also be permanently transferred to SANRAL to ensure their proper maintenance.