**National Assembly**

**Question No: 2278**

**2278. Mr H A Shembeni (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What interventions has he put in place to assist truck drivers who queue for more than 30km from Lebombo Port of Entry every day and who are being robbed in the process? NW2556E

**REPLY**

The challenges affecting the flow of cross-border traffic are because of the delays which are being experienced on the Mozambican side of the border owing to several new processes and requirements which were recently introduced. This has resulted in significant delays and vehicle pileup on the Mozambican side, as well as on the South African side. Due to the infrastructure layout on the border approach road, vehicles tend to queue on the side of the road all the way to the border mouth. The law enforcement of the Cross-Border Road Transport Agency (C-BRTA) is therefore, supporting the South African Police Service (SAPS) to detect and prosecute criminal elements who target truck drivers to ensure their safety. The Road Transport Inspectorate of the C-BRTA, under the Road Traffic Management Corporation, is also working with the Provincial Traffic and Nkomazi Local Traffic to control traffic flow with a view to reduce build up in traffic. Furthermore, the C-BRTA is engaging with Mozambican counterparts to urgently address the challenges with a view of mitigating against increased congestion at the Lebombo Port of Entry.