

**DEPARTMENT: PUBLIC ENTERPRISES REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION NO 2329**

**QUESTION:**

**2329. Mr. A G Whitfield (DA) to ask the Minister of Public Enterprises:**

1. What (a) is the total number of private logistics companies contracted to provide transport services for manganese ore to the port of Port Elizabeth, (ii) volume of manganese ore is transported by road, (b) are the details of the logistics companies transporting manganese ore including the total number of trucks used by each company, (c) is the total value of the contracts for transporting manganese ore by road and (d) is the frequency rate of trucks arriving with manganese ore in the port of Port Elizabeth for each financial year since 1 April 2015;
2. What is the (a) total number of trains used to transport manganese ore to the port of Port Elizabeth, (b) volume of manganese ore that is transported by rail, (c) frequency of trains arriving with manganese ore in Port Elizabeth and (d) total cost to the department of transporting manganese ore by rail to the port of Port Elizabeth for each financial year since 1 April 2015?

**REPLY:**

**According to the information received from Transnet:**

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| **REPLY TO NA PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION No. 2329** | | | |
| **Question No.** | **Question** | **Response** | |
| 1 | What (a) (i) is the total number of private logistics companies contracted to provide transport services for Manganese Ore to the port of Port Elizabeth? | **Total No**: 4 | |
| What (a) (ii) volume of manganese ore is transported by road? | **Volume**:  Year:18/19: 500 000 Tonnes  Year: 19/20: 2,100 000 Tonnes  Year: 20/21: 3,500 000 Tonnes | |
| What (b) are the details of the logistics companies transporting manganese ore including the total number of trucks used by each company? | **Name of Company** | **Number of trucks used** |
| 1. Tradekor 2. Autoforce 3. Black Magic 4. Nexus | 1) 200  2) 100  3) 150  4) 120 |
| What (c) is the total value of the contracts for transporting manganese ore by road? | R 5 100 000(incl. Vat) | |
| and what (d) is the frequency rate of trucks arriving with manganese ore in the port of Port Elizabeth for each financial year since 1 April 2015? | April 2015: 30 - 50 Truck per day  April 2016: 30 - 50 Truck per day  April 2017: 30 - 50 Truck per day  April 2018: 30 - 50 Truck per day  April 2019: 30 - 50 Truck per day  April 2020: 10 - 15 Truck per day  April 2021: 10 - 15 Truck per day | |
| 2 | What is the (a) total number of trains used to transport manganese ore to the port of Port Elizabeth? | **Total No**:  1 187 trains (2020/21) **COVID-19 pandemic reduced capacity.**  + 1400 trains (2019/20) Capacity restricted due to current rail infrastructure. Plans underway to increase capacity | |
| What is the (b) volume of manganese ore that is transported by rail? | **Volume**:  7 776 861 tons (2020/21) **COVID-19 pandemic reduced capacity**  + 9 200 000 tons (2019/20) Capacity restricted due to current rail infrastructure. Plans underway to increase capacity | |
| What is the (c) frequency of trains arriving with manganese ore in Port Elizabeth? | **Frequency:** 4/5 trains daily carrying 6552 tons per train | |

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|  | and what is the (d) total cost to the department (*Transnet not the department*) of transporting manganese ore by rail to the port of Port Elizabeth for each financial year since 1 April 2015? | April 2015: R 942 694 147 (Excl. Vat)  April 2016: R 1 258 868 403  April 2017: R 1 333 216 868  April 2018: R 1 466 192 336  April 2019: R 1 757 581 402  April 2020: R 2 478 138 165  April 2021: R 2 547 559 998 |