###### National Assembly

Question Number: 2338

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

(1) With reference to the N11 road between Ladysmith and Fort Mistake in Kwazulu-Natal, (a) are there any plans to (i) rebuild and (ii) undertake major maintenance to the specified section of the road; if not; why not; if so, (aa) what are the relevant details of the work to be undertaken, (bb) when will the specified work begin, (cc) when will such work be completed, (dd) what is the budgeted cost of the specified work and (ee) when will the tender be advertised;

(2) what provision has been made for general workers to be recruited from communities who live within 10km from the specified road; if no provision has been made, why not? NW2699E

**Reply:**

1. (i) (ii) The project consists of two phases: Rehabilitation of the N11 from Nkunzi River Bridge to One tree Hill which includes the sections between Sunset Rest and Fort Mistake. This phase of the project is 14,3 km long and was completed in April 2015. The total cost of the works were R255,5 million (rounded) including VAT and CPA.

The second phase between Ladysmith and Nkuzi River Bridge is in the design phase. The honourable member has unfortunately confused the locations of the project limits.

1. The first phase of the project that includes Sunset Rest and Fort Mistake consisted of, inter alia, the rehabilitation of the pavement and widening the cross section to 13,4 m. Your question NW2712E also makes reference to this portion of the road.
2. As stated above, the first phase is complete. Construction of phase 2 will commence subsequent to the completion of the design and all relevant legislative permissions have been obtained; It is intended that this Contract commence around November 2015.
3. It is envisaged that the construction period will be between 18 and 24 months.
4. The cost of construction is estimated at R850m.
5. The advertisement date will be determined once the design and legislative requirements have been finalised.

(2) SANRAL is committed to community development and allows for use of local labour on all its projects. The general labour will be recruited from the local communities.