**National Assembly**

**Question No 2372**

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

(1) What is the current status of the designated Taxi Relief Fund;

(2) whether his department has made any financial contributions towards taxi associations in the past three financial years; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details? NW2795E

1. **REPLY**
2. The Taxi Relief Fund Project was successfully launched 11 January 2022. The Taxi Relief fund project was extended by Cabinet till end March 2023.

Total number of Operating Licenses successfully applied as 20 June 2022 – **74 320 out of 142 075 = 52.31%**

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| **Province** | **Total Qualifying OL's** | **Total Applied** | **%** |
| Eastern Cape  | 13117 | 6960 | 53.06% |
| Free State | 8258 | 3040 | 36.81% |
| Gauteng | 39810 | 19159 | 48.13% |
| KZN | 18152 | 9906 | 54.57% |
| Limpopo | 13833 | 9294 | 67.19% |
| Mpumalanga | 16260 | 9213 | 56.66% |
| North West | 12751 | 7215 | 56.58% |
| Northern Cape | 2602 | 668 | 25.67% |
| Western Cape | 17292 | 8865 | 51.27% |
| **Total** | **142075** | **74320** | **52.31%** |

1. The Department has not made any financial contributions towards taxi associations in the past three financial years. Taxi associations are voluntary structures that are self-sustainable from member contributions.