**National Assembly**

**Question No: 2383**

**Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether his department has conducted a rail infrastructure audit; if not, why not; if so, what percentage of the infrastructure network is (a) functional and (b) carries (i) goods and (ii) passengers? NW2755E

**REPLY**

An infrastructure audit has been undertaken by PRASA, with the below breakdown per region:

(a) Please see response below.

(b) (i) Goods fall within the portfolio of the Department of Public Enterprises

(ii) Please see response below.

**Gauteng Region**

17% of the network is functional

* 2 lines under electric traction (TFR Vereeniging & Saulsville)
* 2 lines under diesel traction (Naledi & Leralla)

List of functioning lines:

* TFR Vereeniging – Union (249 patronage per day)
* Saulsville – Pretoria (1973 patronage per day)
* Naledi – Johannesburg (4096 patronage per day)
* Leralla – Germiston (6142 patronage per day)

**Kwa-Zulu Natal**

47% of the network is functional

List of functioning lines:

* Umlazi – Durban (9830 patronage per day)
* TFR Cato Ridge – Durban (5830 patronage per day)
* Kelso - Durban Partially Functional from Umkomaas to Durban (1660 patronage per day)

**Western Cape**

40% of the network is functional

List of functioning lines:

* Kraaifontein - Cape Town via Monte Vista (4583 patronage per day)
* Cape Town - Langa via Mutual (325 patronage per day)
* TFR Cape Town - Malmesbury (429 patronage per day)
* Cape Town – Retreat via Athlone (1112 patronage per day)
* Cape Town – Simon’s Town (3257 patronage per day)

**Eastern Cape**

The infrastructure network utilised by PRASA in the Eastern Cape belongs to Transnet Freight Rail (TFR)

List of functioning lines:

* TFR Gqeberha - Uitenghage (466 patronage per day)
* TFR East London - Berlin (5826 patronage per day)