###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 2404

**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether there are any plans to (a) update and/or (b) improve the current K53 handbook; if not, why not; if so, (i) by what date will the first draft of the updated and/or improved K53 handbook be available, (ii) what (aa) consultation and (bb) public participation processes will be followed and (iii) which experts will be consulted in this regard? NW2786E

**REPLY**

1. Yes, there has been plan already implemented to update the K53 Manual.
2. The Driver Technical Committee which is responsible for all driver related standards, process and procedures is currently finalising the proposals. The review includes updates and improvement which were brought to the attention of the Department by examiners for driving licences, driving school industry and the general public. The review include amongst others reviewing the Code C1 test, to ensure that persons do not choose this code due to the perception that it is easier to obtain unlike EB driving licence, changing of wording to make requirements clearer and amendments yard test sketches.
3. The improvement involves all the volumes and has to be published in the Government Gazette first for public comment. Then the comments will have to be reviewed and only then can the manuals be published for commencement. The publication will run in the region of millions, therefore have to be published separately due budget constraints.

ii) aa) Publication in the Government Gazette and workshops across the country will be conducted.

(bb) During publication and the workshops

(iii) Department of Transport, the nine provinces and the members of the Driver Technical Committee, driving schools industry, instructors and any interested party.