**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 2551**

**Ms B S Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) (a) What are the details of (i) the passenger throughput and (ii) aircraft movements at the Pilanesburg Airport since 1 January 2010, (b) does the Airports Company South Africa still own and operate the airport and (c) is the airport a national key point;

(2) is the airport formally closed; if so, (a) what factors led to its closure, (b) has an economic impact assessment been conducted on the closure of the airport and (c) what is the likely impact of this closure on tourism and the platinum mining sector in the North West?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) (i) There has been an increase in passenger movements, both domestic and international.

(ii) Aircraft movements increased, both domestic and international.

(b) No, the airport is owned and managed by the North West Provincial Government.

(c) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(a) The airport is temporarily closed due to maintenance requirements on runway pavement and security perimeter fence, warthogs are gaining access into the airside causing many runway incursions and accident.

(b) Not yet but certainly will be temporarily negatively affected.

(c) Certainly, negative impact envisaged.