**National Assembly**

**Question No: 2609**

**Ms S J Graham (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What (a) number of municipalities are in arrears on motor vehicle license fees payable to his department and (b) amount does each municipality owe;

(2) what number of municipalities are (a) having licence paper withheld as a result of outstanding monies and (b) at risk of losing their agencies as a result of outstanding monies;

(3) what other measures will be taken against the defaulting municipalities?

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**REPLY**

**Question 1: What (a) number of municipalities are in arrears on motor vehicle license fees payable to his department and (b) amount does each municipality owe;**

**Response:**

A) The national department of transport is not responsible for the collection of licence fees, it is the provincial departments of transport that are responsible for the collection of the licence fees.

It is worth noting that the DLCA only withhold driving licence cards for DLTCs that have been in arrears for more than 90 days without entering into or honouring the payment arrangement. As at 1 November 2021, the DLCA withheld cards for 9 DLTCs that are in arrears for more than 90 days. Refer to the Age analysis below.

| **Name** | **120+ Days** | **90 Days** |
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| **Category : 2 - KWAZULU-NATAL** |  |  |
| Estcourt/Wembezi DLTC | R - | R 20,372.54 |
| Eshowe DLTC | R - | R 22,199.00 |
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| **Category : 3 - EASTERN CAPE** |  |  |
| Komga DLTC - Great Kei Municipality | R 190.94 | R 12,878.11 |
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| **Category : 4 - WESTERN CAPE** |  |  |
| Eastridge / Mitchells Plain DLTC | R - | R 2,942.00 |
| Riversdale DLTC (incl.1067) | R - | R 8,096.50 |
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| **Category : 7 - NORTHWEST** |  |  |
| Ventersdorp DLTC/ JB Marks Mun | R 15,326.00 | R - |
| Wolmaranstad Reg Auth | R 13,750.17 | R 0.48 |
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| **Category : 9 - NORTHERN CAPE** |  |  |
| Upington DLTC / Khara Hais | R - | R 37,213.27 |
| Springbok DLTC Nama Khoi | R 15,465.15 | R 24,411.00 |

Furthermore, the following process is followed before cards are withheld:

1. **30 days outstanding** - The DLCA will telephonically liaise with DLTCs that are owing invoices for more than 30 days which a view of trying to obtain results for late payment.
2. **60 days outstanding** - Reminder letters are sent to remind DLTCs that their invoices are outstanding for more than 60 days and must come up with a payment plan to address the debt owing with is in line with the DLCA policies.
3. **90 days outstanding** - When no feedback is received from the above steps, DLCA will then resolve to withhold cards until we have an active payment plan or the amount owing is paid in full.
4. **120 days outstanding** - interest is charged on all invoices that have been outstanding for than 120 days.

B) This question is no more relevant, kindly be referred to the 1A above.

**Question 2: What number of municipalities are (a) having licence paper withheld as a result of outstanding monies and (b) at risk of losing their agencies as a result of outstanding monies;**

1. The National Department of Transport is not responsible for withholding of the licence paper, however it is worth noting that municipalities themselves procure the face value documents directly from the GPW OR alternatively from the provincial department of transport.
2. The national department of transport does not enter into any agency agreement with municipalities for that reason the department is not aware of any risk where municipalities are losing their agencies.

**Question 3: What other measures will be taken against the defaulting municipalities?**

The national department of transport cannot take any measures against the defaulting municipalities because of the explanation furnished at the 1A and 1B above.

The action to be taken is contained within agency agreements concluded by provinces and their agents and the decision to act is the sole prerogative of the province concerned as custodian of the function of vehicle and driving licences.