**National Assembly**

**Question No: 2666**

**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Given the mass movement of persons during the election campaigns in the period 1 September 2021 to 1 November 2021, what (a) additional measures were put in place to ensure that social distancing and the relevant COVID-19 protocols were adhered on all forms of transportation, (b) support was given to the public in relation to personal protective equipment in taxis, trains and buses and (c) was the success rate of each measure put in place? NW3151E

**REPLY**

1. PRASA started to provide services under COVID-19 on the 01 July 2020 operating under difficult conditions of stolen and vandalised rail network infrastructure while operating limited services to ensure that staff is familiar with the handling of customers under the Covid-19 conditions. Limited services were introduced, and the limited number of stations were identified for the stoppage of trains to avoid overcrowding. Measurers were put in place to mitigate the spread of the pandemic in all modes of transport.

However, there were no additional measures put in place during the period from 1 September 2021 to 1 November 2021 across all modes.

1. No Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was provided to the public and passengers on taxis, trains and buses over this period. A number of municipalities provided PPEs and sanitisers to public transport operators before this period.
2. Because there were no additional measures introduced for the said period, the success rate was not measured.