**National Assembly**

**Question No 2698**

**Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Transport**

(a) What has his department done to improve the ill administration of some of the entities reporting to him, such as the SA National Roads Agency, that has failed to maintain the road infrastructure and (b) has there been prospects to privatise the institutions? NW2885E

1. **REPLY**
2. There is a Performance Agreement in place with the Boards of all Agencies, including South African Road Agency Limited (SANRAL) wherein there is need to have a Routine Maintenance programme in place for 100% of the network and the following are the Technical Performance Targets for the road maintenance
   * + - * 95% for Smooth Travel Exposure (STE);
         * 95% for Low Rut Exposure (LRE);
         * 95% for High Texture Exposure (HTE);
         * 90% for Bridge Condition Exposure (BCE);

SANRAL is performing according to these targets and had challenges, with regards, conclusion of awarding projects mainly funded from their Capex Budget. I have engaged with their Board to ensure they put in measures to address this backlog.

Besides challenges SANRAL has particularly with regards to GFIP, it is a well ran entity and has also proven beyond doubt in assisting Provinces during floods. Provinces are also relying on SANRAL for road rehabilitation, hence handing over their strategic roads to SANRAL.

1. There are no plans to privatise SANRAL, who are already operating based on commercial business principles, in the sense they can raise funds through tolling and from external sources and also enter into concession agreements with the provide sector