**National Assembly**

**Question No 27**

**Mr M J Cuthbert (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) Whether, with regard to the Daveyton Train Station that has been inactive, he has found that railway is a cost-effective form of transportation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether there are any plans to re-activate the Daveyton Train Station; if not, why not; if so, what are the (a) details of the plans and (b) time frames thereof? NW27E

1. **REPLY**
2. Rail remains the most cost-effective form of transportation as the fares are significantly much lower than other land-based modes of transport, making it more affordable. Below was the comparative pricing between Daveyton and Johannesburg for various modes:-

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| Type of ticket | Price |
| Single | R 11.50 |
| Return | R 22.50 |
| Weekly | R 75.00 |
| Monthly | R235.00 |

1. Yes, there are plans to re-activate the Daveyton Station.
2. The improvement and upgrade of the Daveyton Station will be undertaken as part of the National Station upgrade program. The cost to upgrade the station, including retail or shops to serve secondary mandate, is estimated at R15m. The actual construction works will be sequenced and aligned to train service timelines. The project is anticipated to last for 12 months.
3. The upgrade of the Daveyton Station is planned for the 2023/2024 financial year under and the project will be completed over 12 months. The station is planned to be operational by 2023.