###### National Assembly

Question Number: 2753

**Mr S J Masango (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

a)What are the qualifications of the former head of Engineering at the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, Mr Daniel Mthimkhulu, (b) from which institutions were the specified qualifications received, (c) on what basis was he appointed in his former position, (d) how were his qualifications verified prior to his appointment, (e) why was he suspended, (f) what processes will be followed with the specified person now that he has resigned while on suspension, (g) what are the time frames in this regard and (h) who is currently fulfilling his function?

**REPLY**

1. Matric and a few subjects in Mechanical Engineering according to a personnel file.
2. Matric is from Fundulwazi Senior Secondary school in Sebokeng, whilst the mechanical engineering subjects are from Vaal University of technology.
3. Mr Mthimkhulu joined Metrorail as an intern in 2000 and went through the ranks to Head: Engineering in PRASA Rail.
4. Mr. Mtimkhulu may have given his peers the impression that he had the necessary qualifications and thus without being detected slipped through the verification process.
5. Gross dishonesty and submission of fraudulent qualifications.
6. PRASA Rail will not accept his resignation however criminal/Fraud charges are being pursued. A legal opinion was requested prior to take the appropriate actions against an employee who submitted his resignation.
7. The legal process will take its course.
8. Acting Executive Manager: Engineering Services Mr Letsane Rathaba.