###### National Assembly

Question Number: 2809

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

(a) What is the cause of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA) delays in construction and improvement of perways, platforms and other structures that are necessary for the testing of trains, (b) what are the names of the constructors employed and (c) why did they not commit to the tight construction deadline? NW3281E

**Response:**

1. The De Wildt station to Wolmerton Depot line is identified for testing the new train and is ready. Procurement for the Wolmerton Depot testing facilities processes is underway.
2. Permanent Way projects:

* Steffanutti Stocks – Cleveland Station (Platform rectification);
* Mpfumelelo Business Enterprises – Toronga Station & Denver Station (Platform Rectification)
* Lenong Civil engineering – Hercules Station  - Drainage Project; and
* Lettam Building and DKPB (JV) – Denneboom Station – Drainage Project

1. Other than the pending appointment of contractors for the Wolmerton Depot and the non-performance of the perway contractor, current contractors are in compliance with their contracted timeline schedule.

**Ministerial Note:**

Due to deficiencies in the supply chain management process, the Wolmerton Depot tenders was withdrawn. Subsequent to re-advertising the tenders, it is being evaluated.