**National Assembly**

**Question No 2871**

**Mr T M Langa (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport**

On what date is it envisaged that the R34 joining Empangeni and Melmoth in Cetshwayo District in KwaZulu-Natal will be fixed, in order to reduce the high number of car accidents in the specified area? NW3471E

**REPLY**

The road R34 is P393

As a Short-term intervention, the local office has a maintenance contract responsible for the drain cleaning and verge maintenance in addition, the district has utilised the internal teams to repair the current potholes on the R34 on a regular basis.

As a Medium-Term intervention The Department does have a plan for the Rehabilitation of road P393. However, the department has appointed IDT as the implementing agent with the 1st batch of projects in the planning stage to be implemented later in 2022/23 financial year. P393(R34) is anticipated to be in the 2nd batch which considering design procurement and all the applicable stages will anticipate work on the ground in the 2024/25 financial year.