###### National Assembly

Question Number: 2914

**Mr W M Madisha (Cope) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether she had instituted an investigation (a)(i) to what extent and (ii) at what cost the modernisation of stations, particularly in KwaZulu-Natal, had been effected and (b) when the special train will start to provide full service between Pietermaritzburg and Durban to ease congestions on the road; if not, why not, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details in each case? NW3417E

**Reply**

1. The modernization of stations in the country is occurring according to the programme of implementation.
   1. Of the total of 135 stations identified for modernization, 25 are located in KZN
   2. Duffs Road station is the only station in KZN in the current financial year undergoing modernization at a cost of R143 095 385, with expenditure to date being R82 114 808.
2. The expected date of service of the KZN Business Express between Pietermaritzburg and Durban in early November 2015.