**National Assembly**

**Question No. 3**

**Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What total number of truck drivers have been murdered in riot-related incidents (a) in each of the (i) 2016-17, (ii) 2017-18, (iii) 2018-19 and (iv) 2019-20 financial years and (b) from 1 April 2020 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) (a) what total number of the truck drivers in each specified financial year and time period were foreign persons and (b) from which countries did they originate in each case;

(3) whether he will to make a statement on the matter, if not, why not, what are the relevant details? NW3E

**REPLY**

The statistics on the persons allegedly murdered flowing from the torching of trucks are kept by the South African Police Service (SAPS). That being said, I humbly request that this question be re-directed to the Departments of Employment and Labour and the SAPS for a reason that the President established an Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) under the leadership of the Department of Employment and Labour. It is worth noting that SAPS chairs the National JOINTS where security information is shared including such criminality that is taking place within the freight industry. It must also be noted that the Department of Transport initially led the Task Team prior to the establishment of the IMC. The then Minister of Transport, Dr B Nzimande officially handed over a report on this matter to then Minister of Labour on 15 April 2019.

The Minister of Employment and Labour, Hon. Nxesi is now leading this portfolio.