**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY:**

**QUESTION NUMBER: 3195**

**Mr C D Matsepe (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What are the details of the (a) role of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) in the construction of the Vereeniging taxi rank, (b) budget (i) set aside and (ii) spent to date by Prasa for the specified construction, (c)(i) name and (ii) company registration number of each service provider contracted for the construction project, (d) current status of the construction of the taxi rank and (e) completion date of the project;

(2) whether Prasa lodged any disputes with any of the service providers; if so, what (a) are the details of the disputes and (b) action did Prasa take to resolve the disputes in each case;

(3) whether any disputes lodged by Prasa with any of the service providers are still unresolved; if so, (a) why and (b) by what date will the unresolved disputes be resolved?

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**REPLY:**

1. (a) VEREENIGING INTERMODAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITY

 CONTRACT NUMBER DRT: 24/07/2013

PRASA appointed the consulting engineers (AECOM/Khuthele Projects (AECOM)) to execute designs for the following:

* Vereeniging Station
* Commercial development around Vereeniging Station
* Vereeniging Intermodal Facility

 (b) (i) PRASA has set aside R15 million for the fees of the project. The fees include for the following:

* Professional Services for Stages 1 to 6;
* Environmental studies
* Occupational Health and Safety; and
* Specialised professional services (e.g. Geotech, etc.)

 (ii) The amount spent to date is R13,508,685-00, being for designs and construction supervision, as well as Occupational Health and Safety monitoring for the Intermodal Facility.

 (c) (i) The main contractor appointed by the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport ( GDRT) for the construction works, is Moreteng Investments CC.

 (ii) GDRT Contractor: Moreteng Investments CC

 Registration number: 2005/004671/07

 Sub-Contractor: FlyBrotherSA CC

 Registration number: 2010/133800/23

 PRASA Consultant: AECOM/Khuthele Projects Pty (Ltd)

 Registration number: 2010/013644/07

 (d) The works are currently ongoing and are measured at 83% progress. However, due to contractual disputes between GDRT and the contractor, the works have been suspended since 7 September 2018.

 (e) The completion date will only be known once the contractor is back on site.

1. (a) PRASA has not lodged any dispute with a service provider.

(b) Not applicable.

1. (a) Not applicable as no disputes were lodged by PRASA.

 (b) Not applicable as no disputes were lodged by PRASA.