###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 325

**Ms T Gqada (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) Which train stations have been closed in each province since January 1994, (b) what are the reasons for the closure of the specified train stations, (c) what alternative arrangements have been put in place for passengers who were using the train stations, (d) what costs were involved in (i) running the stations and (ii) maintaining the closed stations and (e) (i) what are the future plans for the specified train stations and (ii) what costs are involved? NW344E

**REPLY**

Please see table below: which answers questions a,b,c,d (i) (ii) e (i)

(e) (ii) The future cost of running the specified stations have not been calculated as yet.

**ANNEXURE A**

1. **Gauteng Metrorail**

A total of eleven (11) stations / halts are closed. The following is the detailed information:

|  | **(a)STATION** | **TYPE** | **(b)REASON** | **(c)ALTERNATIVE STATION** | **(d)(i)(ii)COST OF RUNNING** | **(e)(i)FUTURE PLAN** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Union (1989) | Station | Never opened | - | R0 | None |
| 2 | Avenue (1990) | Station | Very low revenue, isolated station, robberies, commuter safety | Dunswart (1 km) and Northmead (2km) | R0 | None. Current alternative stations within acceptable radius. |
| 3 | Golf (2008) | Halt | Closed due to safety  | Schutte (1 km) and Technikon (1 km) | R7 000 p.m | None. Current alternative stations within acceptable radius. |
| 4 | Fountain (2008) | Halt | Only two trains stopping for workers | Kloofsig (1 km) | R7 000 p.m | None. Current alternative stations within acceptable radius. |
| 5 | Newclaire (2014) | Station | Burned by residents due to community unrest | Bosmont (1km) and Westbury (1 km) | R 80 000 p.m | To be rebuilt in 2017/18 financial year |
| 6 | Village Main (2016) | Station | No revenue generated | Booysens (1km) and Farraday (1 km) | R 15 000 p.m | None. Current alternative stations within acceptable radius. |
| 7 | Grosvenor (2016) | Halt | Closed due to safety | Langlaagte (1 km) and Mayfair (1 km) | R 7000 p.m | None. Current alternative stations within acceptable radius. |
| 8 | Mears (2016) | Halt | Closed due to stray current project | Train re-routed via Capital Park | R 7 000 p.m | Station will be reopened after stray current project in June 2017 |
| 9 | Devinish (2016) | Halt | Closed due to stray current project | Train re-routed via Capital Park | R 7 000 p.m | Station will be reopened after stray current project in June 2017 |
| 10 | Walker (2016) | Halt | Closed due to stray current project | Train re-routed via Capital Park | R 7 000 p. m  | Station will be reopened after stray current project in June 2017 |
| 11 | Loftus (2016) | Station | Closed due to stray current project | Train re-routed via Capital Park | R70 000 p m | Station will be reopened after stray current project in June 2017 |

1. **Western Cape Metrorail**

One (1) station in the Western Cape is closed.

|  | **STATION** | **TYPE** | **REASON** | **ALTERNATIVE STATION** | **COST OF RUNNING** | **FUTURE PLAN** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Gouda (2016)Transnet station | Station | Station closed as a result of the Prohibition Notice issued by the Railway Safety Regulator. The Prohibition Notice relates to the platform height, shelter, lighting and ablution facilities. | Wellington StationGouda commuters transported by busses to Wellington Station. | R0Cost of hiring busses R417 414.84 p.m  | PRASA will upgrade the current infrastructure according to specific capital projects and implement corrective actions submitted to Railway Safety Regulator. |

1. **Kwa-Zulu Natal Metrorail**

All stations are operational.

1. **Easter Cape Metrorail**

All stations are operational.