**National Assembly**

**Question No: 339**

**Mr C Brink (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport**

(1) Whether any intergovernmental assessment has been done to determine the ability and/or preparedness of municipalities to implement the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act, Act 46 of 1998 (AARTO); if so, what are the details of such an assessment; if not,

(2) whether he, on his own or in collaboration with other members of the Cabinet, will request that such an assessment be done; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date? NW350E

**REPLY**

1. Yes, intergovernmental assessment to determine the ability and/or preparedness of municipalities to implement the Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act, Act 46 of 1998 (AARTO) has been conducted from 2015/16 Financial Year with the most recent readiness assessment completed in the current financial year 2021/22.

The readiness assessments were conducted in all 9 (nine) provinces and covered 213 Metro/Municipal jurisdictions. The readiness assessment scope sought to establish the following:

* 1. Whether an issuing authority has an issuing authority code and user group office code as per NaTIS system;
	2. Whether all key actors have been trained i.e. law enforcement, data capturers and cashiers;
	3. Whether the requisite IT equipment has been installed;
	4. Whether all the SLAs between IAs and SAPO, GPW & RTIA are in place(this relates to printing and posting as well as the availability of stationery);
	5. Whether all actors are registered on the system;
	6. Whether Back Office and Camera enforcement system is managed by the IA or an external service provider; and
	7. Whether the service provider is linked to National Contraventions Register (to establish whether the service provider is AARTO ready).
1. My Department in the process of rolling out AARTO engaged with the MEC’s for Transport and Community Safety and Minister of Justice & Correctional Services requesting their concurrence in the promulgation of the AARTO regulations. All MEC’s within the Road Transport Management portfolio with the exception of Western Cape provided their concurrence to the Department to proceed with the envisaged National AARTO rollout.

Furthermore, there is already a National AARTO National Steering Committee comprising of the Provinces and Municipalities tasked with monitoring the readiness to implement AARTO, I will look at that report and should the need arise to engage the MEC’s on the provincial readiness before the final implementation.