###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 3539

**3539. Ms J Edwards (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) Which entities that report to him have missed the deadline to submit their annual reports, (b) what requests for extension have been received, (c) what were the reasons given, (d) which were granted extension, (e) why was extension granted in each case, (f) which entities were not granted extension, (g) why was extension denied in each case and (h) what is being done to ensure that in future deadlines are met? NW3967E

(a)The following Entities have missed the deadline submission of Annual reports ;

1. SANRAL

2. SAMSA

3. PRASA

(b) The Accounting Authority of the above three (3) mentioned entities wrote to the Executive Authority in terms of section 65 of the PFMA about the entities failure to submit their Annual report and reason were provided.

(c) Reasons for Extensions

SANRAL;The Finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements and the Audit Report were delayed due to a delay in processing SANRAL’s request to reword its Government Guarantee and consequently the approval from National Treasury was also late. This has resulted in a delay in the issue of the Audit Report by the Auditor General of South Africa (AG)

SAMSA; There was a delay in the finalisation of the audit by the AG.

PRASA; There was a delay in the finalisation of the Annual Financial Statements and the Audit Report due to AG seeking legal opinion on Section 49 (2)(b) of the PFMA to determine if the Acting Group Chief Executive Officer can accept the Audit report as the Accounting Authority in the absence of the board

(d) Entities that were granted extension ;

1. SANRAL

2. SAMSA

3. PRASA

(e) Reasons for Extensions

The request from the three entities were reasonable and in line with the PFMA.

(f) None

(g) Not applicable

(h) What is being done to ensure that in future deadlines are met

**SANRAL;** The board has undertaken that they will submit request right on time.

**SAMSA:** Audit Committee steering has been set which comprise of Management, Internal Audit and AG. This committee reports to the Audit Committee of the board.

**PRASA;** An interim board has been appointed that will ensure that all vacant executive positions will be filled as a matter of urgency and The Executive Authority will be appointing a permanent board in due course.