**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 3540**

**Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What research, analysis or any other type of data-gathering exercise has been undertaken on the current state, needs analysis and upgrade requirements of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa train stations, (b) on what dates were the specified exercises done, (c) what were the outcomes of the exercises at each station, (d) who undertook the exercises, (e) what plans have been put in place as a result of the findings of the exercises, (f) who will undertake the specified plans and (g) what are the timelines, timeframes and deadlines in this regard?

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**REPLY**

1. The Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (PRASA), manages its property portfolio through its property management division; Corporative Real Estate Solutions (CRES). PRASA CRES has five (5) regional offices located in Eastern Cape, Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal, Gauteng South and Gauteng North.

Regional offices conduct, on a periodic basis, station condition assessment to achieve and maintain acceptable levels of compliance and functionality of the Railway stations facilities. The assessments include ongoing visual assessments for cleanliness, safety compliance and functionality particularly for Super and Core railway stations as these stations carry the highest commuter numbers.

1. Consolidated data relating to dates and outcomes on condition assessments is attached as ***Annexure A*** for Super and core stations.
2. Consolidated data relating to dates and outcomes on condition assessments is attached as ***Annexure A*** for Super and core stations.
3. Refer to the response in (a).
4. Station improvements, Preventative and Corrective maintenance plans have been put in place by the respective CRES regional offices in line with established programmes.
5. The Station improvements, Preventative and Corrective maintenance plans are executed by the respective CRES regional offices.
6. Planned timelines vary for each of the programmes (Station Improvements, Preventative and Corrective Maintenance) depending on the size and scale of work required for each of the station projects).