**National Assembly**

**Question No: 363**

**Mr R A Lees (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

1. Whether his department has any plans in place to undertake heavy rehabilitation of the R74 within the Uthukela District Municipality; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so,

 (2) whether he will furnish Mr R A Lees with the details of the (a) section and/or sections of the R74 that will be a part of the heavy rehabilitation, (b)(i) start and (ii) end dates for the heavy rehabilitation for the various stages of work on the R74, (c) the extent of work to be undertaken and (d)(i) start date and (ii) extent of maintenance work to be undertaken prior to the heavy rehabilitation work being undertaken given the dangerous conditions of potholes and road collapses along the R74; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW376E

**REPLY**

1. Yes, the KZN Department of Transport has a plan to undertake the heavy rehabilitation of R74 known as P11 and will be executed utilising the EPC approach (Engineer, Procure and Construct).
2. a) The sections for the rehabilitation of R74 will be from 10.00 km to 33.00 km only.
3. Work of the section for heavy rehabilitation will start at the beginning of 2022/23 financial year and is expected to be completed at the end of 2022/23 financial year.
4. Prior to the heavy rehabilitation ,the province is planning to undertake the following maintenance activities, that is:-
* Design and construct of pavement layers that include sub base layer, base layer and wearing course
* Road markings and installation of road studs
* Construction of fixing of the drainage, and
* Reinstating the damaged road signs and guardrails.
1. (i) All maintenance activities will start in June 2022 and are expected to be completed by December 2022.

(ii) Considering the dangerous condition of the road, especially potholed during the rainy season, the department will continue with preventative maintenance such as pothole fixing using internal maintenance team until this section of road (10.00 km to 33.00 km) is rehabilitated.