###### National Assembly

Question Number: 3651

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

(a) What (i) agreements, (ii) tenders, (iii) memorandums of understanding or (iv) any similar document have been signed with the Peoples Republic of China by (aa) her department and (bb) any of the entities reporting to her and (b) in each respect of each specified case, (i) when were such documents signed, (ii) who signed the documents, (iii) what are the relevant details, (iv) where would the realisation of such projects take place, (v) when will the projects be completed and ready for operation and (vi) what are the projected costs for each project? NW4318E

**Reply:**

**Department**

1. Agreements **NONE**
2. Tenders **NONE**
3. Memorandum of Understanding;
* Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the People’s Republic of China on Cooperation in Transport Related Matters.
* Signed in 2010.
* Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the People’s Republic of China on Cooperation in Railway Related Matters.
* Signed in 2010.
* The above mentioned agreements have lapsed and are due for review and renegotiation.

**Air Traffic & Navigation Services SOC Limited (ATNS)**

(a) ATNS has not signed any documents with the Peoples Republic of China.

 (i) None

 (ii) None

 (iii) None

 (iv) None

(b) Not applicable

 (i) Not applicable

 (ii) Not applicable

 (iii) Not applicable

 (iv) Not applicable

 (v) Not applicable

 (vi) Not applicable

**Airports Company South Africa (ACSA)**

Airports Company South Africa (SOC) Limited does not have any (i) agreements, (ii) tenders, (iii) memorandums of understanding or (iv) any similar document signed with the People’s Republic of China.

**South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA)**

(a)(i) N/A (ii) N/A (iii) N/A (iv) A Letter of Intent (LoI) was signed (aa) N/A (bb) between the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) and the Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC). (b) (i) The LoI was signed on the 15th April 2015.(ii) The LoI was signed by Mr Gawie Bestbier, in his capacity as acting Director of Civil Aviation on behalf of SACAA and by Mr Li Jian, the Deputy Administrator of CAAC. (iii) The SACAA and CAAC agreed to cooperate in the field of civil aviation safety, especially in the airworthiness certification of aircraft and to start the process of the certification of aircraft LE500. (iv)The type acceptance of the LE500 will be done in accordance with the Civil Aviation Regulations, 2011. The process requires Certification Engineers of SACAA to audit the manufacturer of the aircraft in China. This is followed by the consideration of the application in the SACAA offices in Midrand. (v) The type acceptance process will commence once the manufacturer applies for the type acceptance of the aircraft and will be completed once the type acceptance certificate is issued by SACAA. (vi)The costs of the visit to the manufacturer are borne by the applicant, in this case, the manufacturer.

**Cross Border Road Transport Limited (CBRTA)**

(a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv); (bb), (b) The Cross-Border Road Transport Agency (C-BRTA) does not have any agreements, tenders, memorandums of understanding with the People’s Republic of China. (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) are not applicable as the C-BRTA does not have any agreements, tenders, memorandums of understanding with the People’s Republic of China.

**South African National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL)**

SANRAL has no agreement, tenders or memorandums of understandings or any similar documents with the People’s Republic of China.

**Road Accident Fund (RAF)**

(a)(bb) The Road Accident Fund has not signed any (i) agreements, (ii) tenders, (iii) memorandums of understanding or (iv) any similar document with the Peoples Republic of China, and (b) therefore none of the further questions under this paragraph are relevant to the Road Accident Fund.

**Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC)**

The RTMC has not signed any agreements, tenders, memoranda of understandings with the Peoples Republic of China

**Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA)**

The RTIA has not signed any agreements, tenders, memoranda of understandings with the Peoples Republic of China

**Railway Safety Regulator (RSR)**

The RSR as an agency of the DoT does not have authority to enter into international agreements with states and therefor the RSR has no agreements, tenders, and memorandums of understanding or any similar document signed with the People’s Republic of China.

**Passenger Rail of South Africa (PRASA)**

1. PRASA has no agreement, tender or memorandum of understanding with the People’s Republic of China. PRASA has a contract with Huawei, a global information and communications technology solutions provider from the People’s Republic of China.
2. (i) PRASA entered into the contract with Huawei in March 2013.

(iii) I am told that after an open and competitive procurement process, Huawei was selected as the successful bidder, to provide PRASA with a digital radio railway signaling system for passenger rail services in South Africa. The system provides digital communications to the train driver and equipment on train protection (best practice), which replaces the current antiquated analogue system.

(iv) The system is being implemented across PRASA’s rail system.

(v) the completion date is January 2017. Gauteng is 70% complete while Kwa-Zulu Natal and the Western Cape is 30% complete.

(vi) The total cost of the project is R750 million.

**Ports Regulator (PR)**

1. The Ports Regulator has not signed any agreements, tenders, memorandums of understanding with the Peoples Republic of China.

**South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)**

SAMSA does not enter into bilateral arrangements with countries. Accordingly SAMSA has not signed any agreements or tenders with the People’s Republic of China.