**National of Assembly**

**Question No: 371**

**371. Mrs N J Nolutshungu (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(a) What is the total length of the railway track infrastructure in the Republic and (b) how much of it is (i) used and (ii) not used? NW549E

**Reply:**

1. The total length of railway track in South Africa exceeds 20 000km. PRASA owns approximately 2 300km of railway track, located primarily in the metropolitan areas of the country.
2. (i) All of the PRASA track is earmarked for operations / use.

(ii) However, due to the unprecedented levels of theft in the PRASA rail environment a number of services have been temporarily suspended on key corridors. The rehabilitation of infrastructure, including electrical, perway, signalling and security interventions are required to recover the rail services on these corridors. The affected corridors include the Central Line in Cape Town and the Mabopane Corridor in Gauteng.