###### National Assembly

Question Number: 485

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

With reference to the construction and supply of locomotives to the Passenger Rail Agency of SA from overseas, (a)(i) when were the tenders in this regard issued and (ii) to whom, (b) what is the value of each tender, (c) what are the timelines and timeframes from initiation to (i) delivery, (ii) testing and (iii) final use of the locomotives by the public and (d) to which provinces will such locomotives be delivered to? NW539E

**REPLY**

1. (i) On the 26 July 2012

(ii) Mafori Financing t/a Swifambo Rail Leasing

1. R3.5 Billion
2. The time lines were 42 months from the date of initial payment which was 31 March 2013

(i)(ii)(iii) The seller was to complete, adjust and test the locomotives, including all material and components used for the manufacturing of the locomotives, both abroad before shipping and within South Africa in strict adherence to the agreement and to ensure that each of the locomotives supplied shall be fully operational and ready for use by PRASA.

1. The locomotives were going to be used on the mainline long distance services, whereby the main hub is Johannesburg, hence locomotives would be allocated in Gauteng, Durban, East London and Cape Town.