###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 531

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

With regard to the Gillooly’s interchange in Gauteng and the applications for billboards erected on the SA National Roads Agency SOC Ltd properties such as bridges, (a) what is the total number of (i) applications that have been supported in each month, (ii) objections that have been lodged with the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality and (b) what were the reasons for (i) supporting and (ii) objecting the applications (aa) in the (aaa) 2014-15, (bbb) 2015-16 and (ccc) 2016-17 financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2017? NW599E

Reply:

Despite the presence of various billboards on bridges owned by SANRAL in Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, none of these where applied for with SANRAL nor approved by SANRAL. These billboards are illegal and should be removed, but SANRAL is prevented in doing so by the dispute resolution mechanisms provided for in Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act with Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality (they illegally approved these billboards) and litigation relating to similar billboards with one of the transgressors. Please see detailed answers to questions below.

1. (i)

(aaa) 2014-2015 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(bbb) 2015-2016 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(ccc) 2016-2017 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(bb) since 1 April 2017 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(a) (ii)

(aaa) 2014-2015 = 2 objections lodged by SANRAL

(bbb) 2015-2016 = 13 objections lodged by SANRAL

(ccc) 2016-2017 = 22 objections lodged by SANRAL

(bb) since 1 April 2017 = 12 objections lodged by SANRAL

(b) (i)

(aaa) 2014-2015 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(bbb) 2015-2016 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(ccc) 2016-2017 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(bb) since 1 April 2017 = No applications received by SANRAL, so none supported by SANRAL.

(b) (ii)

(aaa) 2014-2015 = Do not comply to section 48 and 50 of the SA National Roads Agency Limited and National Roads Act, 1998 (Act no. 7)

(bbb) 2015-2016 = Do not comply to section 48 and 50 of the SA National Roads Agency Limited and National Roads Act, 1998 (Act no. 7)

(ccc) 2016-2017 = Do not comply to section 48 and 50 of the SA National Roads Agency Limited and National Roads Act, 1998 (Act no. 7)

(bb) since 1 April 2017 = Do not comply to section 48 and 50 of the SA National Roads Agency Limited and National Roads Act, 1998 (Act no. 7)