###### National Assembly

Question Number: 633

**Mr T E Mulaudzi (EFF) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

1. Is the infrastructure (details furnished) that is used in the issuing of driving licenses in all licensing stations across the country owned by her department or outsourced;
2. (a) which companies are contracted to provide the specified infrastructure, (b) when was each contract awarded and (c) for how much? NW746E

**REPLY**

1. In accordance with the National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 0f 1996) section 8 and 8A, only a Department of State shall operate a Driving License Testing Centre (DLTC) once it has been registered in the prescribed manner. In other words the operation of a Driving License Testig Centre may not be outsorced to private individuals or companies. Current Act amendments are underway to only allow a Provincial Department responsible for transport to operate a DLTC.

National Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No. 93 of 1996) regulations 91 to 96 further determines the manner in which the MEC must deal with the applications for the registration of a DLTC, including the suspension or cancellation of the registration thereof. The MEC may, if he or she chooses, appoint a local authority to perform the functions on their behalf. Currently all the DLTC’s in the country except for the two mentioned further, are either operated by the respective Provincial Departments of Transport or a Local Municipality or Metros as determined by the MEC of the respective Province.

The South African Police Service (SAPS) currently also operates two DLTCs namely Bishop Lavis in the Western Cape and Benoni in Gauteng.

(2) (a) – (c)Not applicable. As stated above no private company is contracted to perform the DLTC function. The MEC of the Province may enter into service level agreements with the local authorities who perform the function on the MEC’s behalf. These Service Level Agreements are normally entered into for a three (3) year cycle, linked to the financial year and are related to the services that the DLTC renders on behalf of the Province.