###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 642

**642. Mr D America (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

What (a) is the total number of persons who have (i) been injured and/or (ii) died as a result of open coach doors in moving trains of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa) (aa) in each of the past five financial years and (bb) since 1 April 2017 and (b) actions have been taken by Prasa with regard to each case? NW716E

1. Total number of:
2. **(aa) PASSENGER INJURIES**

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| **2012/13** | **2013/14** | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** |
| 43 | 163 | 311 | 336 | 298 |

1. **(aa) PASSENGER FATALITIES**

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| **2012/13** | **2013/14** | **2014/15** | **2015/16** | **2016/17** |
| 0 | 15 | 2 | 10 | 16 |

**(bb) PASSENGER INJURIES AND FATALITIES 2017/18 YTD**

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| **i bb) Passenger Injuries since April 2017** | 1. **bb) Passenger Fatalities since April 2017** |
| 141 | 18 |

(b) Actions taken by PRASA:

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| **Risk Indicators** | **Risk Reduction Measures** | **Responsible** | **Due Date** | **Progress** |
| **Door failure – doors closing with excessive force and doors failing to open or close** | Replacement of Door Mechanism(design options) | PRASA Technical | Ongoing | Executed during Routine Maintenance |
| Improve Inspection, Testing and Maintenance regimes for doors prior to train release | Train Operations &  Rolling Stock | Ongoing | Daily Train Inspections conducted by Train Crew and Rolling Stock Technicians |
| **Passenger falls between coaches** | Introduction of new trains with open walkthrough between coaches - no doors  between coaches | PRASA Technical | 20 Years Rolling Stock Programme | 20 Train sets Delivered  New Trains deployed in the Pienaarspoort Corridor in Gauteng. |
| **Curved platform – inhibits Train Guard’s view** | Platform Marshalls and Safety Patrollers | Security | Ongoing | Platform Marshalls and Safety Patrollers deployed at Super Core and Core Stations |
| **Commuter Behaviour - Passengers blocking Train Doors** | Safety Campaigns | Marketing and Communications | Ongoing | Monthly Safety Campaigns conducted at Stations. |
| **Overcrowding on Platforms/Stations** | CCTV Cameras/Monitoring on Stations | Customer Services | Ongoing | Monitoring of Station conducted by Security |