**National Assembly**

**Question No 699**

**Mr K P Sithole (IFP) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) What are the detailed road safety measures deployed over the festive season;

(2) whether, in the context of damaged, unsafe roads and numerous large-scale road accidents, the festive season measures cannot be continued throughout the year; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW776E

**REPLY**

1. **The following measures were taken over the festive season to reduce road crashes and fatalities.**

* As an encompassing Strategy on Road Safety, the NRSS finds expression in the 365 plan, especially on critical roads and the heightened visibility of law enforcement.
* Critical routes with a high number of crashes and fatalities were identified and intensified law enforcement and road safety interventions were implemented.
* The interventions focussed on pedestrian management, overloading of cross-border vehicles, unlicensed/fraudulently registered vehicles, drunk driving, and speeding.
* Blitzes were conducted also conducted at points of departure and ports of entry to enforce the law on cross-border vehicles and drivers. This will continue over the festive season as heightened activations.
* Focussed attention was also given to truck operations, especially on the N3 Townhill and N2 Pongola including alternate provincial roads like R34, R33 especially in Mpumalanga and KZN Provinces.

1. **Continuation of the festive season measures throughout the year**

The said measures are part of the 365 plan with heightened operations during the Easter and festive season period and are being implemented throughout the year.