###### National Assembly

###### Question Number: 757

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

(a) What plans are in place to upgrade train stations in each province, (b)(i) why have some stations been abandoned and left to dilapidate and (ii) what plans are there to upgrade these stations and (c)(i) how have passengers who previously caught trains at train stations that are no longer in use been accommodated and (ii) since when have these arrangements been in place in respect of each station? NW816E

**REPLY**

1. The upgrading and improvement of Railway stations which are used for the delivery of both Commuter and Long Distance Rail services is ongoing and occurs annually through a National Station Improvement Programme (NSIP) and National Station Upgrade Programme (NSUP). Table 1 below reflects the number of completed projects since April 2012 to March 2016.

***Table 1***

It is anticipated that for the 2016/2017 financial year a total of forty three (43) station improvements (NSIP) and fifteen (15) station upgrades projects (NSUP) will be completed. For the 2017/2018 financial year a total of forty five (45) station improvement projects (NSIP) and fifteen (15) station upgrade projects (NSUP) are earmarked for completion. The table below outlines a project name list for stations prioritised for the 2017/2018 financial year per region.

**National Station Improvement Programme (NSIP)**

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| **Gauteng South Region**  | **Gauteng North Region**  | **Western Cape Region**  | **Kwazulu Natal Region**  | **Eastern Cape Region**  |
| 1. Dunnottar station
 | 8) Akasiaboom Station | 20) Du Toit | 27) Winkelspruit Station | 34) Arnoldton Station |
| 1. Servaas Station
 | 9) Silverton Station Drainage & Fencing | 21) Fisantekraal | 28) Charlottedale Station | 35) De Mist Station |
| 1. Selpark Station
 | 10) Gezina Station | 22) Gouda | 29) Ottawa Station | 36) Mdantsane Station |
| 1. Noupoort Station
 | 11) Soshanguve Station | 23) Vlottenburg | 30) Compensation Station | 37) Mount Ruth Station |
| 1. Union Station
 | 12) Kopanong Station | 24) Esplanade | 31) Frazer Station | 38) East London Station - Fire Infrastructure Refurbishment drainage and paving in Depot Yard |
| 1. Betlhehem Station
 | 13) De Wildt Station | 25) Stellenbosch | 32) Phoenix Station | 39) Port Elizabeth Station – Fire Infrastructure Refurbishment |
| 1. Grasmere Station
 | 14) Komatipoort Station | 26) Paarl | 33) Shallcross Station | 40) Sydenham Station |
|  | 15) Kaapmuiden Station  |  |  | 41) Port Elizabeth Station |
|  | 16) Nelspruit Station |  |  | 42) East London Station |
|  | 17) Akasiaboom Station |  |  | 43) Perseverance Station |
|  | 18) Pienaarspoort |  |  | 44) Sterkstroom Station |
|  | 19) Mamelodi Gardens |  |  | 45) Cradock Station |

**National Station Upgrade Programme (NSUP)**

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| **Gauteng South Region**  | **Gauteng North Region**  | **Western Cape Region**  | **Kwazulu Natal Region**  |
| 1. Florida Station
 | 9) Akasiaboom Overhead Station | 10) Cape Town Station Upgrade Phase 6 | 15) DBN Station Fire Compliance - (Phase 2) |
| 1. Jeppe Station
 |  | 11)Cape Town Station Phase 1 Forecourt & Amenities |  |
| 1. Bloemfontein Station
 |  | 12)Mbekweni Station Upgrade |  |
| 1. Germiston Station -Shosholoza Meyl Office
 |  | 13) Mutual Station |  |
| 1. Park Station – (4) projects
 |  | 14)Woltemade Station |  |

(b) (i) Some stations have been closed due to operational requirements of rationalisation of stations in close proximity to each other, low passenger numbers and safety considerations.

(ii) Not applicable, see (i) above

(c) (i) Passenger are referred to an existing of upgraded stations, closer to them.