###### National Assembly

**Question No: 895**

**895. Mr C H H Hunsinger (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

(1) (a) How were the respective increases on e-toll tariffs calculated and (b) what other criteria were used;

(2) whether public participation processes took place in each province; if not, why not; if so, what submissions were received? NW964E

**Reply**

1. (a)The toll tariffs were adjusted for Consumer Price Inflation (CPI) effective 3 March 2017. The average of the CPI headline year-on-year rates, for the period November 2015 to October 2016, as published by Statistics-SA, was calculated and applied to the previous year’s tariffs for the tariff adjustment. The average CPI as applicable to the adjustment effective 3 March 2017 was 6.0417%.

This CPI adjustment is to retain the real value of the toll tariffs - there is no increase of the tariffs in real terms.

(b) No other criteria were used.

(2) The processes to be followed as directed by the South African National Roads Agency Ltd and National Roads Act, No.7 of 1998 were undertaken by SANRAL. The tariffs were calculated and recommended by SANRAL for approval by the Minister and then published in the Gazette for 14 days following signature by the Director General. The Act directs the processes to be followed for the amendment of toll tariffs as follows:

S 27 (2) clarifies that the amendment of toll tariffs “will become effective only 14 days after a notice to that effect by the Agency has been published in the Gazette”.

S 27 (3) (a) specifies that the amendment “is determined by the Minister on the recommendation of the Agency”.

S (3) (c) specifies that the amendment “must be made known by the head of the Department by notice in the Gazette”.

Further, Clause 5.19 of the applicable Gazette no. 40623 of 16 February 2017 states that: “The tariffs and amounts displayed in this notice may be adjusted by a determination of the Minister annually: Provided that such adjustment shall not exceed the Consumer Price Index calculated for the preceding 12 months”.