###### National Assembly

**Question No: 904**

**904. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether the Ports Regulator of South Africa has any debt that has remained unpaid for 30 days or more; if so, (a) what (i) are the details of these debts, (ii) are the reasons for non-payment in each case, (b) on what date will each debt be settled and (c) what (i) processes, (ii) procedures and (iii) mechanisms are in place to ensure that payments are made on time? NW973E

**REPLY**

**PORTS REGULATOR OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Ports Regulator does not have any debts that have remained unpaid for a period longer than 30 days. The Ports Regulator has a turnaround time of 7 days to pay the invoice, this was further confirmed by the Auditor General in the 2015/16 financial year regularity audit which indicated an average of 8 days for the payment of invoices.

(a) Not applicable as there are no debts unpaid.

(b) Not applicable as there are no debts unpaid.

(c) (I, ii and iii) The Ports Regulator has a system of recording each invoice immediately upon receipt to ensure each tracking, the invoice is then submitted to the respective department for approval before being sent back to finance for payment, the finance section does follow ups if the invoice is not received back from respective department to ensure timeous payment. The invoice after being received back from other departments is then compiled form payment which takes about two days. All these stages are recorded.