###### National Assembly

**Question No: 906**

**906. Mr W Horn (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:**

Whether the Airports Company 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? NW975E

**REPLY**

Airports Company South Africa has no debt unpaid for 30 days or more relating to its borrowing programme.

The company also has an accounts payable policy to make payments to suppliers and service providers within 30 days of date of invoice or accrual of debt. Payment occurs on the matching of the original purchase order with the goods / services receipt note and the supplier invoice or recognition of the debt. (a) (i) (ii) It is inevitable that some invoices from suppliers will remain unpaid if differences are identified between the purchase order, goods / services receipt note and the invoice or if disputes are lodged. The company’s accounts payable system reflect that less than 0.8% of monthly ‘debts’ remain unpaid after 30 days based on such circumstances (every month the accumulated unpaid ‘debts’ are less than 0.8% of the monthly ‘debts’). (b) each outstanding ‘debt’ is settled immediately on the resolution of the conditions that gave rise to the non-payment. (c) (i) (ii) (iii) The company utilises an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) tool with procurement and accounts payable modules linked to a cash management system that enables the recognition of ‘debts’ when goods / services are delivered as per the International Framework for Reporting Standards (IFRS) to ensure continuous service delivery through payments to suppliers.