**National Assembly**

**Question Number: 95**

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

With reference to the reply to question 2677 on 9 October 2018, (a) what number of deaths have occurred in each month since 1 October 2018, (b) what were the reasons for each specified death, (c) where did each death occur, (d) what steps has his department taken to reduce the occurrence of deaths, (e) what number of family members of the deceased have been compensated and (f) what are the costs involved in each specified case?

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**REPLY:**

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| **Date of Occurrence** | **(c) Place of Occurrence** | **Province** | **Number of Fatalities** | **(b) Detailed description of occurrence/incident** |
| 1. **Total number of Fatalities October 2018 = 29** | | | | |
| 2018-10-01 | Crossmoor | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Asian male, Nelson Govender, 50 yrs, was struck by Metro train 9683 on the running line and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-01 | Oorstezee | Western Cape | 1 | Ms Yolanda Theron was struck by metro train no. 9626 (test trip). The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2018-10-02 | President | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was found next to the rails with head and right arm cut off. The cause of death is unknown. |
| 2018-10-02 | Dunswart | Gauteng | 1 | L.E.Ngwenya disembarked between the coaches of metro train and fell on the rails sustaining fatal injuries. |
| 2018-10-04 | Klapmuts | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Andile Mqongwana was struck by metro train no. 3523 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Paarl Morgue. |
| 2018-10-04 | Delmore | Gauteng | 1 | L.Stephen jumped out of a moving metro train 0999, fell on the rails and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-05 | Klaarwater | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | An African male Hlela Cele, 24 years old, was struck by a goods train and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-05 | Southfield | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Alexander Fisher was struck by metro train no. 0502 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-10-06 | Nancefield | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was found fatally injured on the platform. |
| 2018-10-13 | Kaalfontein | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 1530 while lying on the rails. |
| 2018-10-13 | Kliptown | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was found fatally injured on the platform. |
| 2018-10-12 | Nyanga - Philippi | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Madalitsho Chikabvumbwa was found in the section. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-10-15 | Mamelodi Gardens - Greenview | Gauteng | 1 | An unknown male was hit by T8106 at Greenview station K/Point 23/3 -23/4 while crossing railway line and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-16 | Denver | Gauteng | 1 | L.Mazeka was fatally injured when struck by metro train 0504 while crossing the rails. |
| 2018-10-18 | KwaTandaza | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro train 1033 struck an African male, Philani Bede, 27 years old, who was on the running line and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-21 | Stock Road - Philippi | Western Cape | 1 | The body of a male person was found in the bushes next to the railway line. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-10-21 | Tembisa - Limindlela | Gauteng | 1 | K.F.Mbhoshane was fatally struck by metro train 1534 while crossing the railway line. |
| 2018-10-21 | Kempton Park - Van Riebeeck | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 0623 while crossing the railway line. |
| 2018-10-22 | Doornfontein | Gauteng | 1 | T.Sontshantsha was pulled from platform edge by metro train to the rails and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-23 | Webber-Parkhill | Gauteng | 1 | J.Lekgau was fatally injured while hanging outside moving metro train and fell onto the rails. |
| 2018-10-25 | Doornfontein | Gauteng | 1 | T.Mokhumo fell from a moving metro train onto the rails and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-26 | Limindlela | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown person was fatally struck by metro train. |
| 2018-10-28 | Suurbekom | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 0410. |
| 2018-10-28 | Kempton Park | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 0636. |
| 2018-10-27 | Tooronga - Denver | Gauteng | 1 | M.Madonsela was fatally struck by metro train 0635 while crossing the railway line. |
| 2018-10-30 | Phefeni | Gauteng | 1 | L.Mgoduka was staff riding on moving metro train 9721 and slipped between the coaches and the train as a result he was declared dead. |
| 2018-10-31 | Berea Road | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro train no.0786 struck an unknown African male age +/-25 who was on the running line next to Mast Pole No.03/89 Signal No.DAL3032 and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-10-22 | Atteridgeville | Gauteng | 1 | Mr H Makinta was hit by metro train 0062 when he walked in front of the train and was fatally injured. |
| 11-10-2018 | Lebaleng - Kopanong | Gauteng | 1 | A male person was hit by metro train 1813 between K/Point 15/491 and 15/194, when he he threw himself infront of a train and was fatally injured. |
| **(a)Total number of Fatalities November 2018 = 20** | | | | |
| 2018-11-06 | Marianhill | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | An African female Neliswa Magoqovana, 32 yrs was sick and later passed away at Marianhill station. |
| 2018-11-08 | Roodepoort | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 0225 when he jumped in front of the train. |
| 2018-11-10 | Nonkqubela | Western Cape | 1 | A female person was struck by metro train no. 9902 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2018-11-10 | Houtheuwel | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 9000. |
| 2018-11-10 | Mzimhlophe - New Canada | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was found dead lying next to the rails. |
| 2018-11-12 | Pilot - Kwesine | Gauteng | 1 | N.Majozi was electrocuted while train surfing on a moving metro train, fell on the rails and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-11-12 | Selpark - Springs | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was hit by metro train 1080 while crossing the rails, he was fatally injured. |
| 2018-11-13 | Compensation | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | An unknown African male, ±32 years old, who was on the running line was struck by Metro train no 0219 in the section between Compensation and Frasers stations, close to mast pole no: 130/315. He was fatally injured. |
| 2018-11-12 | Mutual | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Ndomeso Songetye was electrocuted while travelling on the roof of metro train no. 9925 and fell on the platform. He sustained fatal injuries and the deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-11-14 | Langa - Mutual | Western Cape | 1 | The body of Mr Itumeng Sherman was found in the section. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-11-15 | Kraaifontein - Muldersvlei | Western Cape | 1 | A male person was struck by metro train no. 0890 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2018-11-16 | Brackenfell - Eikenfontein | Western Cape | 1 | The body of a male person was found in the section. No further information available. |
| 2018-11-05 | Ravensklip-Knights | Gauteng | 1 | M.Khalumashu, was hit by metro train, while crossing the rails and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-11-15 | Westrand-Krugersdorp | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was found dead lying next to the rails. |
| 2018-11-17 | Millsite | Gauteng | 1 | F.Mbombi fell from moving metro train and fell on the rails, he was fatally injured. |
| 2018-11-22 | Kuils River - Blackheath | Western Cape | 1 | Ms Shedlene Cloete was struck by TFR Goods Train no. 5261 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2018-11-22 | Mount Ruth - Egerton | Eastern Cape | 1 | A 12 year old African boy was struck by metro 0014 between Mount Ruth and Egerton next to mass pole 22/17 and 22/18. The deceased was taken to NU1 Mortuary at Mdantsane. |
| 2018-11-29 | Merafe - Naledi | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 9934 while standing on the rail and ignoring the train hooter. |
| 2018-11-21 | Kempton Park | Gauteng | 1 | N.Mabaso fell while staff riding on metro train 1569 and fell on the rails, he was fatally injured. |
| 2018-11-21 | Kuils River - Blackheath | Western Cape | 1 | Ms Shedlene Cloete was struck by TFR Goods Train no. 5261 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 1. **Total number of Fatalities December 2018 = 22** | | | | |
| 2018-12-03 | Kempton Park | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by metro train 8752 while crossing the railway line and ignoring the train hooter. |
| 2018-12-03 | Kraaifontein | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Marshal Matthews was struck by metro train no. 3506 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2018-12-05 | Kenville | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro Train 9278 struck an African male Sbonelo Luthuli (30 yrs) on the running line when he jumped in front of the train between mast pole 170/13 and 170/18. |
| 2018-12-06 | Bellville | Western Cape | 1 | A male person threw himself in front of metro train no. 3518 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased person was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2018-12-09 | Wolseley | Western Cape | 1 | A male person was struck by metro train no. 3506 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Wolseley Morgue. |
| 2018-12-10 | Anglers - Midannedale | Gauteng | 1 | J.Mathe jumped out of a moving metro train 9013 and fell onto the rails and sustained fatal injuries. |
| 2018-12-10 | Du Toit - Koelenhof | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Xolani Mboleni (14 years old) jumped in front of metro train no. 3414. He sustained fatal injuries and was taken to Paarl Morgue. |
| 2018-12-11 | Maitland | Western Cape | 1 | The body of a male person was found in the section. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-12-14 | Kwa Mashu | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Nkosinathi Ndlovu, 34 years old, was struck by Metro train 9484 on the running line at the Mastpole VB 2/643 and VB 2/693. MC/50064 and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-12-16 | Tongaat | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro train 0294 struck an African female Philangani Gumede (24 yrs.) who was on the running line and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-12-16 | Durban Yard | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro Train 0294 struck an unknown person who was on the line and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-12-16 | Barracks | Gauteng | 1 | A male person boarded on the top of a stationary goods train no 18330 where he was electrocuted by overhead wires and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-12-17 | Arnoldton - Mtsotso | Eastern Cape | 1 | Area Security Commander Temba Mbenyana informed JOC that metro 0041 fatally struck an unknown male tresspassing in the operating tunnel outstide Arnoldton and Mtsotso station at mast poles 32/03 and 32/04. Protection Services and Railways SAPS informed. Train driver Donald Davoran, Train Assistant Lubabalo Katana and Metro Guard Phumeza Kanti send for trauma counselling the following day. Protection Services and Railways SAPS informed. Body taken to Mdantsane mortuary. |
| 2018-12-20 | Kwesine - Pilot | Gauteng | 1 | N.Ngqbese was fatally struck by moving metro train 7620. |
| 2018-12-20 | Nyanga - Philippi | Western Cape | 1 | The body of Mr Andrew Plaatjies was placed on the tracks with fatal stab wound. Metro train no. 9902 drove over the body after seeing it too late to stop in time. |
| 2018-12-23 | Tooranga | Gauteng | 1 | S.Mntanbo’s dead body was found on the rails . |
| 2018-12-23 | Kraaifontein | Western Cape | 1 | A male person was struck by metro train no. 3504 when he jumped in front of the moving train. He sustained fatal injuries and the body was taken to Tyberberg Morgue. |
| 2018-12-24 | Egerton - Fort Jackson | Eastern Cape | 1 | On Monday 24 December 2018 at 07:49 SSC Mkhonkqo informed JOC that metro 0002 locomotive 35/260, struck a 33-year-old male, later identified as Mr V Myamfilo between Egerton and Fort Jackson stations at mast poles 19/16 and 19/26. All relevant role players informed. It alleged the victim was standing on the railway line and ignored the hooter of the locomotive and was fatally struck. Train driver Dickson Ntanjana, Train Assistant Billy Ziwele and Metro Guard Nolitha Dyeshana send for trauma counselling. Body taken to NU1 Mdantsane mortuary |
| 2018-12-24 | Marianhill | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro train 1048 struck an unknown male who was on the running line and was fatally injured. |
| 2018-12-25 | Ysyerplaat - Paarden Eiland | Western Cape | 1 | The body of a male person was found with no visible injuries next to the railway line. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-12-26 | Nyanga - Philippi | Western Cape | 1 | Mr Mzwandile Somdyala was struck by metro train no. 9525. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2018-12-30 | Westonaria - Suurbekom | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by moving metro train 0414. |
| 1. **Total number of Fatalities January 2019 = 30** | | | | |
| 2019-01-01 | Rossburgh | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro Train driver of 1065 struck William Steenkamp, aged 81 years, who was walking on the running line and was fatally injured. |
| 2019-01-05 | Northmead | Gauteng | 3 | T.Chipent who was carring J.Mokoena on her back and holding J.Moveswa’s hand was fataly struck by moving metro train 8807 while standing on the railway line and ignoring the train hooter. |
| 2019-01-06 | Tembisa-Limindlela | Gauteng | 1 | P.Selelo was fatally struck by moving metro train 1511 when he just lied on the rails and ignoring the train hooter. |
| 2019-01-08 | Mountain view | Gauteng | 3 | Rear end collision occurred between metro train 0810 and metro train 1818 resulted in 817 injuries and 3 passenger fatalities. |
| 2019-01-09 | Luipaardsvlei-Lanwen | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by unknown metro train. |
| 2019-01-11 | New-Canda-Longdale | Gauteng | 1 | D Lewis jumped in front of oncoming metro train 9478 and as a result was struck and sustained fatal injuries. |
| 2019-01-12 | Kwaggastroom-Houtheuwel | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown male was fatally struck by moving metro train. |
| 2019-01-09 | Philippi - Lentegeur | Western Cape | 1 | The body of Mr Shafiek Salie was found with a gunshot wound to his chest in the section. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2019-01-12 | Diep River | Western Cape | 1 | A female passenger was struck by metro train no. 0165 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2019-01-14 | Woodstock | Western Cape | 1 | A male person was struck by metro train no. 0198 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased person was taken Salt River Morgue. |
| 2019-01-14 | Karserne - West | Gauteng | 1 | R Neluheni was fatally struck by moving metro train 9022. |
| 2019-01-17 | Residensia | Gauteng | 1 | L Tshabalala was fatally struck by metro train 9036 while lying on the rails and ignoring the train hooter. |
| 2019-01-21 | Angus - Randwater | Gauteng | 1 | K Sephondo (child) was put on the rails by his father when moving goods train approached and the child was fatally struck by the train. |
| 2019-01-22 | Elsburg | Gauteng | 1 | Kgasimang was fatally struck by metro train 7636 while crossing the railway line wearing headphones and ignoring the train hooter. |
| 2019-01-23 | Elandsfontein | Gauteng | 1 | Unknown boy (15 years) was train surfing on top of moving metro train 1574 when the overhead wire fatally shocks him and landed on the roof of the train. |
| 2019-01-24 | Groutville | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Metro Train 0229 Set N8 struck a 59-year-old, J Ngema, who was on the running line at the level crossing and sustained fatal injuries. |
| 2019-01-22 | Nyanga - Philippi | Western Cape | 3 | The burnt bodies of three male persons were found in the section. The bodies of the deceased,were taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2019-01-23 | Philippi | Western Cape | 1 | A male person was travelling on the roof of metro train no. 9902 and was electrocuted. He sustained fatal injuries and was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2019-01-26 | Naledi-Merafe | Gauteng | 1 | A Maluleke was electrocuted when he was train-surfing on moving metro train 9317 and fell onto the rails, he was declared dead. |
| 2019-01-28 | Duffs Road | KwaZulu Natal | 1 | Unknown African male was struck by Metro Train 0213 in the section between Duffs Road and Phoenix next to Kilometer point 161/369 and 161/312 as a result he was fatally injured. |
| 2019-01-29 | Woltemade - Maitland | Western Cape | 1 | A 13-year-old school boy was struck by metro train no. 3514 and sustained fatal injuries. The deceased boy was taken to Salt River Morgue. |
| 2019-01-29 | Limindlela - Leralla | Gauteng | 1 | T Sithole was fatally struck by moving metro train 1569 while walking on the rails and ignoring the train hooter wearing his earphones. |
| 2019-01-30 | Tygerberg | Western Cape | 1 | The body of a male person was found lying between the tracks. The deceased was taken to Tygerberg Morgue. |
| 2019-01-31 | Tembisa - Limindlela | Gauteng | 1 | L Ndlovu was fatally struck by moving metro train 1502, while crossing the rails. |

(d) Steps taken to reduce the occurrences of death are:

1. Ongoing Safety Awareness Campaigns are conducted in all the regions.
2. The Roll Out and Implementation of the Fencing Project to curb illegal access to the operational tunnel.
3. Elimination of high risk level crossings.
4. Deployment of Security Personnel, Safety Patrollers and Level Crossing attendants.
5. Roll out of new train sets equipped with technology that does not permit a train to move with open doors.

(e) PRASA is liable for the Mountainview train collision in January 2019. Eight family members of the deceased from that collision have been identified. PRASA is currently working on determining the adequate quantum of support for the eight dependents from the two families that were affected by that collision.

(f) The costs from the Mountainview collision are still being determined.