

National Assembly

Question Number: 3489

Adv A de W Alberts (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) (a) What number of road users in each month since 1 December 2013 until the present have paid e-toll accounts in relation to the total number of road users on the roads where the Gauteng e-tolling system is operative, as regards (i) the total numbers and (ii) percentages of (aa) paying road users and (bb) the total number of road users and (b) what are the particulars regarding the total amount of the monthly income generated in each month by the e-tolling system in the specified period that is paid to a certain company (name specified) and/or any other foreign firm/service provider and what amount remains in South Africa;
- (2) whether any plans exist to extend the e-tolling system to other roads in Gauteng or in any other provinces; if not, whether he regards the non-extension of the e-tolling system as an indication that the system has failed; if so, what are the full relevant particulars regarding the roads and timelines of the planned extension of the system;
- (3) whether any standards regarding legal metrological technical regulations have been created for the e-tolling instrumentation and technical system in terms of the of the Legal Metrology Act, Act 9 of 2014; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant particulars in this regard and (b) whether the e-tolling measuring instruments were verified accordingly and comply with the requirements; if so what are the full particulars in respect of the date on which it took effect;
- (4) whether regular inspection is required; if not what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant particulars of the verification;
- (5) whether the e-tolling measuring instruments were imported legally in terms of the previous Act, the Trade Metrology Act, Act 77 of 1973, or any other relevant legislation; if not, how did it happen that unverified instruments were imported and taken into use; if so, what are the full relevant particulars?

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REPLY:

(1) (a) (i) Road use on Gauteng e-tolling system is measured in terms of total individual transactions at all Toll Gantry locations. Please see table below for the Transactions Paid (aa) versus the Total Transactions (bb) in a month.

(a) (ii) Road use on Gauteng e-tolling system is measured in terms of total individual transactions at all Toll Gantry locations. Please see table below for the Paid % in a month.

Transactions	Paid Transactions	Total Transactions	Paid %
Dec-13	20,785,542	53,003,201	39%
Jan-14	25,079,987	60,093,598	42%
Feb-14	26,308,532	61,275,089	43%
Mar-14	27,772,020	66,566,742	42%
Apr-14	27,670,060	66,005,652	42%
May-14	28,840,313	69,524,695	41%
Jun-14	27,620,694	68,070,263	41%
Jul-14	28,864,702	73,105,125	39%
Aug-14	28,346,546	73,710,373	38%
Sep-14	27,176,734	72,779,790	37%
Oct-14	28,448,201	78,214,190	36%
Nov-14	25,969,036	74,337,111	35%
Dec-14	21,328,075	67,223,456	32%
Jan-15	22,400,799	69,249,776	32%
Feb-15	22,931,526	71,629,658	32%
Mar-15	24,244,365	80,003,523	30%
Apr-15	21,394,927	72,664,902	29%
May-15	23,036,505	76,951,582	30%
Jun-15	22,909,536	74,975,032	31%
Jul-15	25,301,965	80,642,609	31%
Aug-15	24,467,085	77,919,932	31%
Sep-15	26,697,723	77,605,567	34%
Oct-15	27,938,500	82,326,471	34%
Nov-15	27,054,182	80,290,924	34%
Dec-15	23,624,266	72,805,287	32%

Jan-16	24,573,362	73,257,559	34%
Feb-16	26,733,544	79,066,173	34%
Mar-16	26,402,052	80,007,973	33%
Apr-16	26,275,066	79,992,761	33%
May-16	27,621,133	82,293,707	34%
Jun-16	27,063,279	80,464,054	34%
Jul-16	27,157,391	83,677,522	32%
Aug-16	26,707,601	82,447,442	32%
Sep-16	27,443,254	85,039,339	32%
Oct-16	27,197,586	85,772,379	32%
Nov-16	27,259,360	85,106,234	32%
Dec-16	22,657,693	75,664,235	30%
Jan-17	23,358,303	75,596,764	31%
Feb-17	24,063,244	77,147,835	31%
Mar-17	26,886,316	86,732,583	31%
Apr-17	23,129,194	77,126,837	30%
May-17	26,482,251	86,221,226	31%
Jun-17	25,152,145	82,555,665	30%
Jul-17	26,020,789	87,141,156	30%
Aug-17	26,222,692	87,224,633	30%
Sep-17	25,075,823	85,216,222	29%
Oct-17	26,054,251	88,279,240	30%
Nov-17	25,815,329	87,712,942	29%
Dec-17	21,374,274	77,973,117	27%
Jan-18	22,191,182	78,445,802	28%
Feb-18	22,743,772	79,692,925	29%
Mar-18	23,751,346	85,614,183	28%
Apr-18	22,216,963	81,085,686	27%
May-18	24,143,853	87,426,578	28%
Jun-18	23,063,671	84,761,844	27%
Jul-18	23,567,230	87,581,258	27%
Aug-18	23,303,900	87,920,771	27%

- (b) Please see table below that reflects the projected cashflow and actual cash receipts from account holders. All payments are deposited into SANRAL's bank accounts which are audited by the Auditor General. The toll operator was appointed through an open tender process. It is a locally registered company with local and international shareholding. SANRAL is not privy to the agreements with their shareholders and the handling of losses

and/or profits. The toll operator is compensated in terms of their tendered rates for services provided under the contract and does not receive a share of the toll revenue. To render the required services under the contract, they currently employ 1029 people of which 1024 or 99.5 % are South Africans.

Month	Actual Income	Forecast Income
Dec-13	R63 455 430	R37 290 000
Jan-14	R98 610 974	R66 670 000
Feb-14	R94 017 402	R74 430 000
Mar-14	R107 586 423	R93 930 000
Apr-14	R113 428 985	R85 050 000
May-14	R116 865 284	R114 310 000
Jun-14	R119 516 621	R117 530 000
Jul-14	R108 740 225	R131 280 000
Aug-14	R100 003 412	R137 480 000
Sep-14	R87 741 205	R124 390 000
Oct-14	R75 199 510	R68 400 000
Nov-14	R64 871 679	R57 000 000
Dec-14	R72 350 461	R34 200 000
Jan-15	R44 962 429	R45 600 000
Feb-15	R61 398 683	R45 600 000
Mar-15	R67 672 141	R45 600 000
Apr-15	R60 816 286	R45 600 000
May-15	R75 717 000	R45 600 000
Jun-15	R77 980 230	R54 735 730
Jul-15	R81 557 505	R54 735 730
Aug-15	R73 530 822	R119 586 705
Sep-15	R59 411 220	R60 000 000
Oct-15	R63 583 365	R60 000 000
Nov-15	R71 546 170	R60 000 000
Dec-15	R61 356 654	R115 000 000
Jan-16	R86 241 110	R135 000 000
Feb-16	R66 470 717	R145 000 000
Mar-16	R80 287 535	R105 000 000
Apr-16	R125 000 000	R130 000 000
May-16	R110 658 054	R101 000 000
Jun-16	R65 330 000	R101 000 000

Jul-16	R62 223 000	R101 000 000
Aug-16	R61 276 860	R101 000 000
Sep-16	R68 100 000	R101 000 000
Oct-16	R71 400 000	R101 000 000
Nov-16	R72 461 000	R65 000 000
Dec-16	R30 802 706	R65 000 000
Jan-17	R84 825 000	R65 000 000
Feb-17	R55 325 172	R65 000 000
Mar-17	R66 466 277	R65 000 000
Apr-17	R64 327 952	R69 000 000
May-17	R56 013 668	R86 000 000
Jun-17	R59 142 222	R65 000 000
Jul-17	R68 459 234	R65 000 000
Aug-17	R57 787 465	R65 000 000
Sep-17	R59 443 095	R65 000 000
Oct-17	R72 781 413	R65 000 000
Nov-17	R68 702 155	R65 000 000
Dec-17	R16 548 442	R65 000 000
Jan-18	R84 302 761	R65 000 000
Feb-18	R61 735 537	R65 000 000
Mar-18	R56 577 112	R65 000 000
Apr-18	R63 421 845	R65 000 000
May-18	R62 028 447	R65 000 000
Jun-18	R46 545 853	R65 000 000
Jul-18	R73 700 653	R65 000 000
Aug-18	R39 851 834	R65 000 000
Sep-18	R50 364 399	R65 000 000

- (2) The current phase of the Gauteng Open Road Tolling (GORT) project was the first phase of approximately 200km. An additional 150 km of new freeways were envisaged as part of the next phases of the GFIP.

The roll-out of new freeways in Gauteng is dependent on the Government's final decision on the infrastructure funding mechanism, including that of e-tolling for any further extension in Gauteng and in the other provinces.

The of the roads and timelines will become clear once Government has decided on infrastructure funding mechanism as indicated in above.

- (3) Interim requirements have been developed and accepted by the acting CEO of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications in accordance with Section 22 (2) (c) of the Legal Metrology Act.
- a) Contained in the interim requirements of the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications for more detail (Copy can be provided if required).
 - b) The equipment has been type approved in accordance with the interim requirements and a type approval certificate was issued on 16 May 2018 after conclusion of the type approval process.
- (4) The measuring instruments are subject to regular verification at periods not exceeding 12 months (refer to the Interim technical requirements for further detail). It is noted that initial verification was successfully completed as part of the type approval process.
- (5) The instruments were imported legally. There were no requirements published as technical regulations for the type of equipment that are used on the GFIP gantries in terms of the Trade Metrology Act and initially the equipment was not considered to fall within the ambit of the Trade Metrology Act. After the new act was published, SANRAL discussed the way the equipment operates with the NRCS and the agreed process as described above in paragraph (3) and (4) was developed.