

National Council of Province

Question No 139

139. Mr M Dangor (Gauteng: ANC) to ask the Minister of Transport:

- (1) Whether, considering that the President mandated him, the Minister of Finance and the Premier of Gauteng to submit to Cabinet a solution to the impasse regarding e-tolls on Gauteng freeways, has such a solution been submitted; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the details thereof;
- (2) whether a decision has been taken in the best interest of the people of Gauteng (details furnished); if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether there is a set timeline to finding a solution in this regard; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?
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REPLY

1.
 - a) Yes, the Minister of Transport did submit to Cabinet a proposed solution to the eToll/ GFIP impasse between Gauteng Government and DOT at National Government. The submission to cabinet was submitted on November 2019.
 - b) The submission to cabinet had initially seven (7) options which were reduced to only one (1) to be finally considered by cabinet and since then the DOT is still waiting for that decision.
2. The decision has not yet been taken but we think that it will be in the interest of Government and the road users of the Gauteng freeways, commonly called eTolls. The explanation as to "why" is contained in 1a of this Parliamentary Question number 139.
3. The timeline was set for March 2021, however due to severe Covid 19 lockdown this timeline is unlikely to be achieved. We have no doubt that Cabinet will fast track discussions to conclude on this matter.