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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION - NO. 111/2025 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MS H LIDGETT
(DA) TO ASK THE MEC FOR TRANSPORT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS**

I attach the response to Parliamentary Question 111/2025, to the Honourable MEC:
Transport and Human Settlements, Mr S A Duma's for attention and consideration, please.

Yours faithfully,


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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 111/2025

Question 1:

When is the R69 from Pongola to Vryheid via Louwsburg due for maintenance/upgrade; and

Response:

The upgrade of this route forms part of the rehabilitation project for Provincial Road P46-2, specifically from kilometre marker 16.00 to 45.00. A contract for this rehabilitation work has already been awarded, and the appointed contractor is currently in the process of fulfilling pre-construction contractual obligations. Site establishment is expected to commence once these preparatory activities are concluded.

While full-scale construction has not yet begun, interim maintenance activities are being implemented. A zonal contract covering the Vryheid Area Office has been awarded, which includes the maintenance of roads through blacktop patching. Scheduled patching activities on P46 are set to begin by the end of April 2025.

In addition, the Department is in the process of procuring blacktop materials to enable internal maintenance teams to conduct accelerated pothole repair operations along



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P46. These efforts are aimed at preserving the condition of the road and minimising hazards while preparations for full rehabilitation continue.

Question 2:

What is the Department of Transport doing in the meantime to combat the damage to vehicles and the numerous accidents which have taken place on this road due to the bad state of the road?

Response:

To mitigate the effects of the road's deteriorated condition and reduce the risk of accidents, the Department has activated both contracted and internal maintenance interventions. Under the zonal maintenance contract for the Vryheid Area Office, blacktop patching is scheduled to commence by the end of April 2025 on P46.

In parallel, internal maintenance teams are being supported with additional procurement of blacktop materials to fast-track pothole repairs. These short-term interventions are part of the Department's broader commitment to maintaining road safety and usability along P46 until the rehabilitation contractor becomes fully operational on-site.


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