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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION - NO. 103/2025 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MS R GOKOOL (DA) TO ASK THE MEC FOR TRANSPORT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

I attach the response to Parliamentary Question 103/2025, 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. 103/2025 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: MS R GOKOOL
(DA) TO ASK THE MEC TRANSPORT AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:**

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO. 103/2025

Question 1:

Since 1994 how many times has Emona Road been resurfaced and/or upgraded and/or maintained;

Response:

Over the past 30 years, Emona Road has not undergone any resurfacing or upgrading. However, routine maintenance has been carried out nearly every year using both outsourced service providers and internal departmental teams. Since 2018, five maintenance contracts have been issued specifically for pothole patching on this road.



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Question 2:

Were any of the previous contractors held accountable for the sub-par workmanship;

Response:

All maintenance work performed by contractors has been executed in accordance with the applicable specifications. However, the recurring deterioration of the road is primarily due to the underlying structural deficiencies of the pavement, which requires full rehabilitation. The short-lived nature of pothole patching, typically lasting only a few months, limits the ability to hold contractors liable under defect clauses when the failures are not attributable to poor workmanship.

Question 3:

Since 1994, what is the total budget used for Emona Road for resurfacing and/or upgrading and/or maintained;

Response:

Over the past seven years, approximately R 9.7 million has been spent on blacktop patching of Road D776. Records prior to 2018 are unavailable at the district level. This recent expenditure can serve as a baseline for estimating earlier costs.

Question 4:

What is the current scope of work for Emona Road;

Response:

It is important to note that Emona Road is at times referred to inconsistently as D776 or D593. Technically, D776 begins at its intersection with D593. Currently, there are two active contracts for blacktop patching; one on D776 and the other on D593, awarded through quotation-based procurement, each valued below R1 million. The scope of work for both contracts includes:



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- Site establishment
- Traffic accommodation
- Saw-cutting of the existing surface and base layers
- Excavation of damaged sections
- Preparation and compaction of the sub-base
- Reinstatement using imported granular material
- Asphalt resurfacing using hot-mix asphalt
- Site clearance upon completion of works.

Question 5:

What are the current issues with the contractor?

Response:

On D776, the contractor experienced delays due to community unrest linked to allegations of non-payment to local labourers. This issue was resolved, and the project was completed in April 2025.

On D593, the contractor, who commenced work in February 2025, faced challenges with on-site supervisory personnel, which led to a temporary stoppage and left some areas excavated and unsealed. This issue has since been addressed, and the contractor has resumed work and is making satisfactory progress.

Question 6:

Has this contractor been used by the Department before; and

Response:

According to available district records, this is the first instance of this contractor being engaged by the Department for work on D593.



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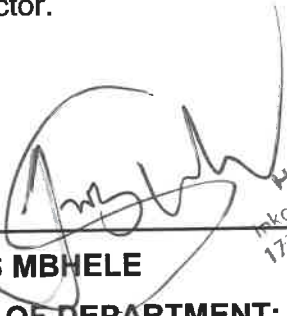
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Question 7:

If so, have similar issues been experienced by this contractor?

Response:


There are no prior records at the district level indicating poor performance by this contractor.



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