



GAUTENG PROVINCE
ROADS AND TRANSPORT
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Secretary
Gauteng Provincial Legislature
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Dear Sir

Question 4.TR002 Posed by the Legislature:

With regard to the R563 sinkhole, could the MEC please indicate:

- (i) what was the date that the Department was made aware of the sinkhole on the R563 in Mogale City;
- (ii) what has happened since that time up until now;
- (iii) what is the plan with this sinkhole that is affecting a large number of motorists;
- (iv) what has been the reasons for the hold up on this project; and
- (v) what is happening with the upkeep of the roads that are now being used as alternatives for this road closure?

With reference to Question 4.TR002 tabled by Member E. Du

Plessis of the Democratic Alliance (DA), I wish to reply as follows:

Reply:

- (i) The Department came to know about the sinkhole early in February 2025.
- (ii) To date, the Department has appointed a geologist to conduct the geotechnical investigation with the geotechnical contractor. The report was submitted and approved at the council of Geoscience. The tender and BOQ specifications have been prepared and submitted to SCM for procurement

of a contractor. The Department has also done traffic accommodations around the sinkhole.

- (iii) The plan is to repair the sinkhole as soon as budget becomes available, as the current estimate is rather high.
- (iv) The perceived delays are due to the steps that need to be taken to appoint and assess the sinkhole, the Department has acted within the prescribed frameworks that govern the repair of sinkholes as per the CGS and accepted norms and standards.
- (v) Assessment reports for the roads around the sinkhole that have been used as alternative routes have been prepared, and recommendations for repairs have been included. This will be shared once approved internally.

Yours faithfully



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