National Assembly

Question Number: 1330

1330. Mr D C Ross (DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

What amount has been paid to the e-toll collection agency (name furnished) since the inception of the e-tolls as part of the Gauteng Freeway Improvement Project? NW1472E

REPLY:

Since the inception of e-tolls on 3 December 2013, the payments to date amounted to R2.22 billion for full toll operations. It must be noted that this amount cannot be regarded as compensation directly to the toll operator since it includes amounts that are paid via the e-toll operator to other service providers that provide direct services in terms of the project. Most notably are the following services:

| Safety and Security Services | R | 19.02m |
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| Insurance of buildings | R | 11.72m |
| Utilities (water, power, property taxes, telecoms), kiosk rental | R | 138.49m |
| e-tags procurement from 3rd parties | R | 130.56m |
| Invoice printing and posting | R | 225.30m |
| SMS's | R | 3.72m |
| | R | 528.81m |

Excluding the above payments to other service providers (e.g. municipalities, telco's, e-tags, Post Office, security and insurance companies), the payments made to the toll operator amount to R1.69 billion over a period of 42 months (Dec 2013 to May 2017). From these payments the operator:

- pays salaries (approximately 1000 people);
- performs system maintenance (toll gantries and all other hardware and software), electrical and building maintenance;
- pays software licenses;
- processes toll transactions;
- generates invoices; and
- operates customer service centres, the call centre, violator processing centre etc.