

## National Assembly

**Question Number: 2554**

### **Adv A De W Alberts (VF Plus) asks the Minister of Transport**

- (1) Whether the SA National Roads Agency Limited (SANRAL) is aware of the fact that the omission of the road user's value-added tax (VAT) number on their taxation invoices is an offence, if not, if so, (a) why would SANRAL consider the redistribution of these irregular invoices to the road users concerned, (b) what will the costs of the redistribution process amount to and (c) what are the further relevant details?
- (2) Whether the VAT, as contained in each tax invoice from SANRAL, has already been transferred to the SA Revenue Service (SARS) in terms of the law, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will this matter be rectified, if so (i) what does the monthly transfer run into as from 01 December 2013 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) what is the source of the VAT payments

### **Answer**

- (1) SANRAL is aware of the rules pertaining to the requirements on an invoice. It is assumed that the honourable member is aware that in terms of the VAT Act, a tax invoice for a supply of less than R5 000, need not contain a VAT number (where the user is a registered VAT vendor) nor the name and address of the user - an abbreviated tax invoice is issued. It is also important to note that a supply takes place every time a road user passes through a gantry. The highest single tariff for any gantry pass is R121.80 for a class C vehicle at the alternate tariff. Therefore, since the consideration for these individual supplies will not exceed R5000, there is no requirement to include the VAT number, name and address of the user. SANRAL has obtained a ruling from the South African Revenue Services to issue 1 consolidated tax invoice for all the supplies during a month. If, however, SANRAL is provided with VAT numbers by the road user, then SANRAL will include them on all tax invoices applicable to the user, irrespective of the actual amount of the tax invoice.

Furthermore, in terms of a ruling received by SANRAL from the South African Revenue Services, all tax invoices issued by SANRAL may reflect the words "Tax invoice - Computer generated". This constitutes a valid tax invoice in terms of the VAT Act, 89 of 1991. The tax invoices are either sent by SANRAL to users via post or electronically or can be printed at a customer service centre or by the user directly from the SANRAL website. Where SANRAL does not have all the user's details SANRAL will be able to 'update' the tax invoice based on the information provided by the user for example at one of the customer service centres. Where users of the GFIP toll roads register with SANRAL, SANRAL is in a position to include all relevant user details on the tax invoice (including where applicable the user's VAT registration number). Where a user of the GFIP is not registered with SANRAL, SANRAL can only include that information which it obtains from the e-Natis data base or other available information.

- (2) SANRAL, as a public entity, is registered on the "payments basis" for VAT. This means that VAT is only paid to SARS on taxable supplies, when the amount is received, i.e. when payment is made

by the customer. SANRAL's tax matters are fully up to date and in order, including VAT returns and payments.