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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY
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647. Mr D R Ryder (Gauteng: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

(a) When will the gantries be turned off as e-tolls have been announced to be ending in Gauteng and (b) what are the reasons for the delays in turning off the gantries?

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REPLY

- (a) The gantries will be turned off once a binding agreement is signed between the Gauteng Provincial Government and National Government on the provinces financial commitments to paying off the debt, its contribution to the backlog maintenance on the network and the administrative costs associated with the recovery of tolls from defaulting users.
- (b) The outstanding issues related to the signing of a binding agreement are as follows:
- a. The provincial funding sources for the backlog maintenance and rehabilitation of the network and the duration over which this will be done;
 - b. Clarity on the province's position and the costs associated with recovering funds from defaulting road users who have not paid tolls while the system was operational.

The Gauteng Provincial Government has agreed to paying 30 per cent of the outstanding debt as at 31 October 2022, over a period no longer than 5 years. The financing costs associated with this payment will be in line with the duration over which the provincial contribution will take place.