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**From:** Premier Lesufi (GPDPR) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 April 2023 08:35 AM  
**To:** Andrea Korff  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Letter from OUTA Seeking Questions to the ongoing Etohl saga.

Hi Andrea

Thank you so much for your letter related to questions to the ongoing Etohl saga

I find it strange that you are requesting us to provide answers when your CEO is on record as reported by Radio 702 on the 09th October 2023 that 'OUTA Chief Executive Officer, Wayne Duvenage says the provincial government does not have the power to do away with the tolls.

"This is a national competence not a provincial one at all. It is one that has to be resolved by the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Finance and Treasury and is not one that is going to be resolved or solutions provided for at a provincial level. So it is quite strange that that statement was made as he took office."

It's clear from the above statement that your organisation doesn't see any role of provincial government and and your formation has also made public pronouncements on this matter. So to seek answers on matters you've already made public pronouncements on without the requested information will not change your attitude towards this matter.

We are currently in final stages of discussions with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Transport, as soon as we conclude and finalise our approach on this matter you will be amongst the first institutions to be briefed.

I hope and wish that you find this in order

Best wishes

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