

National Council of Province

Question No 33

Mr C F B Smit (Limpopo: DA) to ask the Minister of Transport:

(a) How many times has the maintenance and/or upgrade contract for the R709 road between Hobhouse and Tweespruit been issued, (b) what is the total tender amount in this regard, (c) why has such a contract not yet been successfully awarded and (d) when will maintenance and/or upgrades commence?

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REPLY

The matter was referred to the Free State Department of Police, Roads and Transport, who has responded indicating that the:

- a. Road has been maintained regularly using the Departmental internal teams and Contractors from CDP.
- b. Estimated amounts to maintain / upgrade this road in the next financial year is R270 000 000.
- c. Budgeted initially earmarked for this road was re-prioritized to the roads that were in poorer state.
- d. Road is earmarked to be upgraded in the 2023/24 Financial Year according to Departmental business plan.

