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INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER

Note:

1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.
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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL REPLY

FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2022

***48. Mr M von Buchenroder to ask the MEC responsible for Transport:**

Regarding scholar transport operators and schools opening in the new year:

- (1) (a) How many outstanding payments are due to service providers in the province for the current financial year as at the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) for how long have they not been paid and (c) why are these service providers not being paid on time;

RESPONSES:

a. AS AT THE 25TH NOVEMBER 2022 THE OUSTANDING INVOICES ARE

OUTSTANDING INVOICES	AMOUNT
1538	R40 343 805,69

OUT OF THE OUTSTANDING INVOICES

- **502 INVOICES WITH AN AMOUNT OF R14 627 833,60 HAS BEEN DISBURSED ON THE 28TH NOVEMBER FOR THE 01ST DECEMBER 2022**
- **428 INVOICES WITH AN AMOUNT OF R9 031 031,71 WILL BE DISBURSED ON THE 01ST DECEMBER 2022 FOR THE 06TH DECEMBER 2022**
- **THIS ALL MEANS THE NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES IS 608 WITH AN AMOUNT OF R16 684 940,38**

b. THESE INVOICES ARE CURRENT INVOICES (SERVICES RENDERED IN OCTOBER 2022)

c. SCHOLAR TRANSPORT FUNDS ARE DEPLETED

- (2) whether his department has finalized all contracts for scholar transport operators; if not, can he kindly provide the reasons for the delay; if so, when has his department completed the contracts;

RESPONSE:

The Department has completed contracts with appointed service providers that are providing Scholar Transport services.

- (3) whether his department has contracted additional scholar transport operators for 2023; if not, why; if so, (a) how many and (b) in which districts;

RESPONSE:

The Department is going out on the tender for the new contract, which will commence in April 2023.

- (4) whether his Department has allocated additional routes for 2023; if so, (a) how many and (b) where;

RESPONSE:

The Department has not done any allocations for any routes for 2023. The process of allocations is depended on the finalization of the tender processes.

- (5) whether his Department anticipates additional funding will be made available for scholar transport; if so, how much will be made available?