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**HONOURABLE. G SCHNEEMANN
CHAIRPERSON: ROADS AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE**

Dear Hon Chairperson

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE GAUTENG LEGISLATURE FOR THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE
MEETING TO BE HELD 25 NOVEMBER 2021 ON THE 2ND QUARTERLY REPORT 2021/22 FY;**

The Chairperson of the Roads and Transport Portfolio Committee, Hon G. Schneemann, tabled the following questions applicable to the Gautrain Management Agency having regard to the questions listed below. Please find attached the response for the item highlighted below.

7. The GMA should explain why the numbers for rail and bus passengers is lower than set target considering that the country was in lockdown level 2 during the quarter under review.

The passenger targets were set based on passenger growth trends available at the time. It was not anticipated that the system would be operating under level 4 and 3 restrictions. During the quarter, 25 days were subject to level 4; 49 days subject to level 3 and only 18 days (20%) were subject to level 2 restrictions. The options for working from home available to Gautrain passengers have resulted in reducing their exposure to the system during higher levels of Covid restrictions.

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- 8. The GMA should list the vacant positions that are not yet filled, and also provide progress on the filling of these positions.**

POSITIONS (2021/22 FY)	POSITIONS NOT YET FILLED	IN PROGRESS	TO BE ADVERTISED	DEFERRED (2022/23 FY)
29	13	01	12	16

For 2021/22, GMA has a total of twenty-nine (29) vacant positions of which sixteen (16) of them has been deferred to the 2022/23 Financial Year, one (1) is in progress, while twelve (12) will be advertised during the 3rd quarter of 2021/22 and envisaged to be filled by 31 March 2022.

- 9. The GMA should provide the expenditure per the cost drivers in the second quarter.**

The cost drivers of the GMA are the following:

GMA Support Costs	R 126 117 739
Specialised Services	R 5 413 458
Legal and Commercial Costs	R 1 506 054
Independent Monitor Costs	R 1 256 974
Capex costs	197 752
Patronage Guarantee	R 1 138 266 341
– Operations Costs and Overheads	R 619 786 023
– -Capital and Contractual payments	R 518 480 318
Operating Period Variations	R 18 479 344
System Improvements	R 41 646 226

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Total Cost	R 1 332 883 888

10. The entity should also make comparison of patronage guarantee cost between first and second quarter.

QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2
R 556 984 528	R 581 311 812

The Patronage Guarantee for the second quarter is 4,3% more than the actual cost for the first quarter mainly due to the inflationary increases.

11. The entity should also indicate the usage of funds from prior year per cost driver in the second quarter.

The funds from prior year have been used in Patronage Guarantee cost driver as the budget for the payment of the Patronage Guarantee in the current year is not sufficient to cover the required payment.

Yours faithfully,



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