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MINISTER OF TRANSPORT DR BLADE NZIMANDE STATEMENT ON THE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE MEDIA STATEMENT ON PRASA

The Minister of Transport, Dr Blade Nzimande, notes the statement release today, 21 August 2018, by the Democratic Alliance Shadow Minister of Transport, Manny de Freitas on the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa.

The statement by the DA is political grandstanding as it rehearses information that is contained in various government statements on the state of affairs at PRASA, including interventions by successive Ministers of Transport in restoring good corporate governance at PRASA.

What is more concerning is that the DA used the information presented in various parliamentary committees to launch an attack on the ANC government.

Since taking over as the Minister of Transport, Minister Nzimande has appointed an interim Board of Control at PRASA. The Board has been seized with work to ensure that Metrorail provides an affordable, reliable and safe rail services to the commuters who rely on rail for their daily transport.

“I had on numerous occasions directed the PRASA Board to implement amongst others, the remedial actions as contained in the Public Protector, Auditor-General and the Treasury reports,” confirmed Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande further said that part of the urgent matters to be addressed by the Board of PRASA is the submission of the outstanding Annual Report to Parliament.

“PRASA is currently developing a Recovery Plan to address the sustained decline in business performance, both operational and financial. The Plan identifies ten (10) targeted interventions focusing on specific areas that are interconnected,” said Minister Nzimande.

Minister Nzimande said that a Road Map has been developed with a three (3) month, eighteen (18) month, three (3)-year and five (5) years horizon as per short and medium long term interventions.

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