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Mrs P de Lille (ID) asked the Minister of Transport:

- (1) How many road vehicles were declared unsafe (a) in 2004, (b) in 2005, (c) in 2006 and (d) during the period 1 January 2007 up to the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether he will reduce the number of unsafe cars on the roads; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

The Minister of Transport:

- (1) The latest statistics according to the eNaTIS are:-

Year	Number of vehicles marked as un-roadworthy
(a) 2004	94,175
(b) 2005	109,123
(c) 2006	140,712
(d) 2007	259,232
Total	603,242

- (2) Unsafe and un-roadworthy vehicles contribute a great deal to the carnage on our roads. In order to reduce and prevent such vehicles to be on our roads, the National Road Traffic Act Regulations were amended for all Vehicle Testing Stations to be on eNaTIS as from 01 July 2004. This was done in an effort to curb fraud and corruption that was taking place with the issuing of manual roadworthy certificates.

It is further a requirement that all testing results be recorded on the eNaTIS. The number of tests that can be performed per examiner per day are also monitored by the eNaTIS.

Apart from regular monitoring and auditing, the Department of Transport (DoT) is in the process of conducting a feasibility study for the introduction of periodic vehicle testing for all vehicle types. The study is based on a holistic approach

and will, amongst others, focus on vehicle roadworthiness, smoke emission, current infrastructure and future capacity requirements.

Over and above the periodic vehicle testing, the Department is also considering more frequent testing of Road Transport Quality System (RTQS) vehicles. This basically entails the more regular testing of public transport vehicles. Currently RTQS vehicles are required by legislation to be roadworthy every 12 months. The DoT is considering changing the roadworthy requirements for RTQS vehicles from 12 months to 6 months. This process is currently being explored at the appropriate legislation forums.

Lastly, the Department is engaged in a consultative process with role-players regarding the implementation of security improvement processes at vehicle testing stations, starting with the installation of security cameras.
