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Mr S B Farrow (DA) to ask the Minister of Finance:

Whether the National Treasury has considered any proposals regarding the establishment of a dedicated road maintenance fund comprising funds ring-fenced from the fiscus for the maintenance of the provincial and municipal road network; if not, why not; if so, (a) what are the relevant details and (b) how will the funds be sourced?

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REPLY:

The National Treasury has not received any proposals for the establishment of a dedicated road maintenance fund comprising funds ring-fenced from the fiscus. It is the responsibility of provinces and municipalities to ensure that adequate resources are directed towards proper asset preservation of roads falling under their competency. National government can through the gazetting of norms and standards provide for proper asset preservation of roads.

Various sources are used by provinces and municipalities to fund road networks falling under their responsibility. In addition to conditional grants specifically targeted at roads and transport, provinces and municipalities also use portions of the provincial and municipal infrastructure grants as well as own revenue sources and/or their equitable share allocations on their road networks.

I intend to hold further discussions with the Minister of Transport, Mr Ndebele, to ensure that we have a clear and agreed strategy for the maintenance of roads.