

WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 22 MARCH 2024

1 . Mr D America to ask Mr R D Mackenzie, Minister of Mobility:

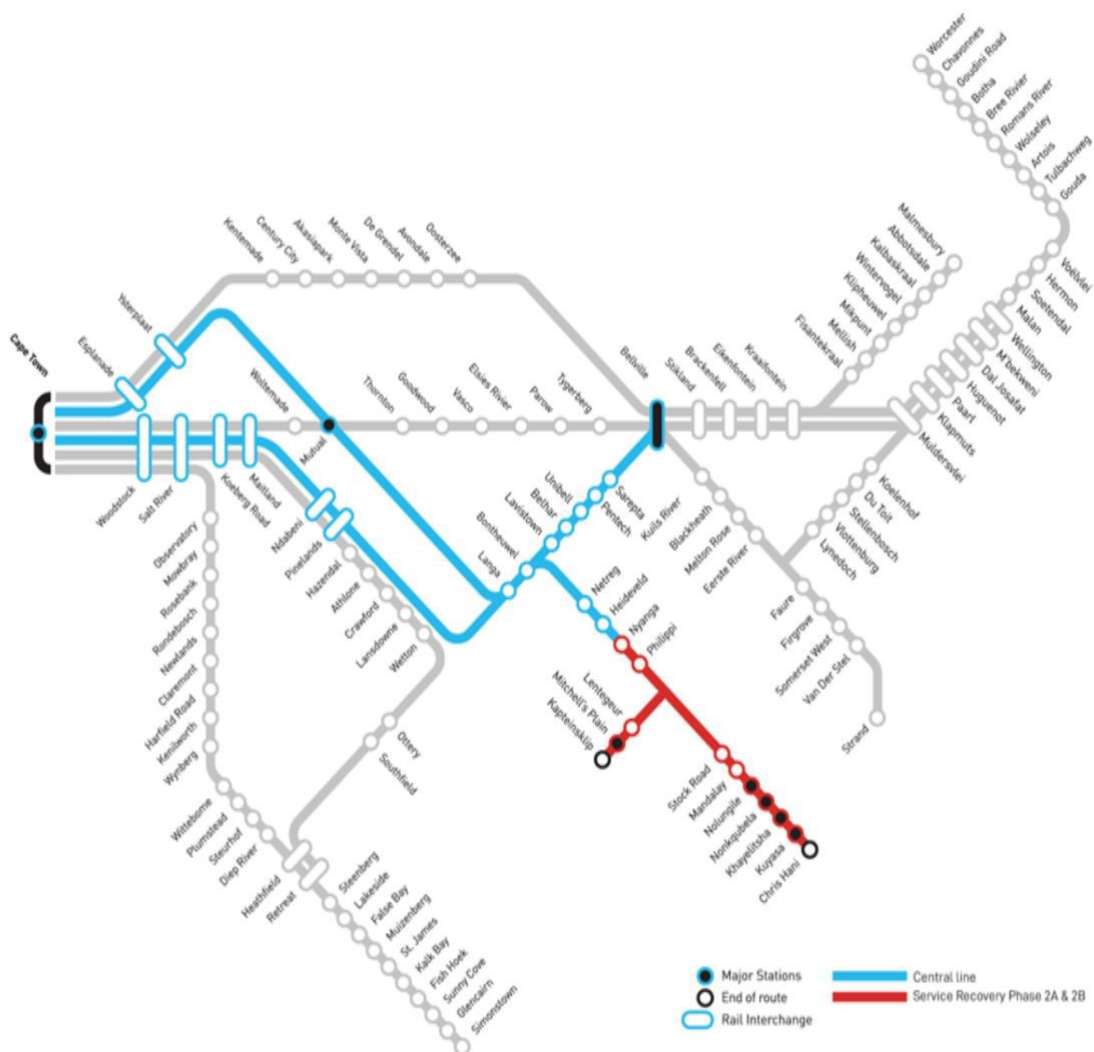
Whether Prasa has indicated to his Department whether or not it will keep to its deadline of reopening the Cape Town central lines by March 2024; if so, what are the relevant details?

Response:

According to information received from PRASA, the following can be reported;

BACKGROUND

The Central Line spans from Cape Town through Langa to Bellville, with a split at Bonteheuwel towards Kapteinsklip and Khayelitsha.



PRASA has recovered the lines between Cape Town – Bellville (via Langa) and the Cape Town – Nyanga.

RECOVERING THE REMAINDER OF THE NETWORK

To recover the rest of the Corridor (i.e. Nyanga – Kapteinsklip and Nyanga – Khayelitsha), PRASA is working as member of an Implementation Protocol Agreement (which is an Inter-Governmental Relations Agreement) which include the National Department of Transport, National Department of Human Settlements, National Department of Public Works & Infrastructure, Western Cape Provincial Department of Mobility, Western Cape Provincial Department of Infrastructure, the City of Cape Town and the Housing Development Agency (HDA).

An estimated 5195 households and illegal structures are erected on PRASA's Central Line rail reserve:

- 1254 structures erected in Langa;
- 3688 structures erected in and around the Philippi Station and;
- 253 occupants living at the Khayelitsha Station.

The households need to be relocated to allow PRASA to fully rehabilitate the rail infrastructure on the Central Line and restore services.

IMMEDIATE/TEMPORARY INTERVENTION: OPERATION BHEKELA - Nyanga to Philippi, and Philippi to Khayelitsha

Operation Bhekela is a PRASA-led Immediate/Temporary Intervention plan to allow for the resumption of limited services on the Central Line.

Operation Bhekela entails the infilling (shifting a few metres back) of occupants settled right on the rail reserve.

PRASA completed Operation Bhekela on 29th January 2024. This process involved the moving of 891 Families occupying the area between Nyanga and Philippi to a temporary relocation area at Stock Road

THE WORK REQUIRED



Passenger Rail of South Africa (Prasa) said the delays in the relocation of the informal settlements on the reserves in Nyanga and Philippi impacted on its ability to bring the Cape Town Central Line corridor into operation. Briefing the standing committee on public accounts, Prasa said they already have three variant eviction orders granted by the court and the last one has been extended until November. Picture: Armanic Hough/African News Agency (ANA)

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The infrastructure rehabilitation will be executed in tandem i.e. Signalling of the recovered lines between Langa – Bellville and Langa – Nyanga whilst recovering the

other Infrastructure components (Stations, Track, Substations, Tracks, etc.) on the section between Nyanga – Kapteinsklip and Nyanga – Chris Hani) for completion in Quarter 3 (October – December 2024).

The recovery work is done in stages and thus some areas will return to service before the final completion date in December 2024.

MINISTER OF MOBILITY

DATE:

PARLEMENT VAN DIE PROVINSIE WES-KAAP

SKRIFTELIKE ANTWOORD

VRYDAG, 22 MAART 2024

1. Mnr D America vra Mnr R D Mackenzie, Minister van Mobiliteit:

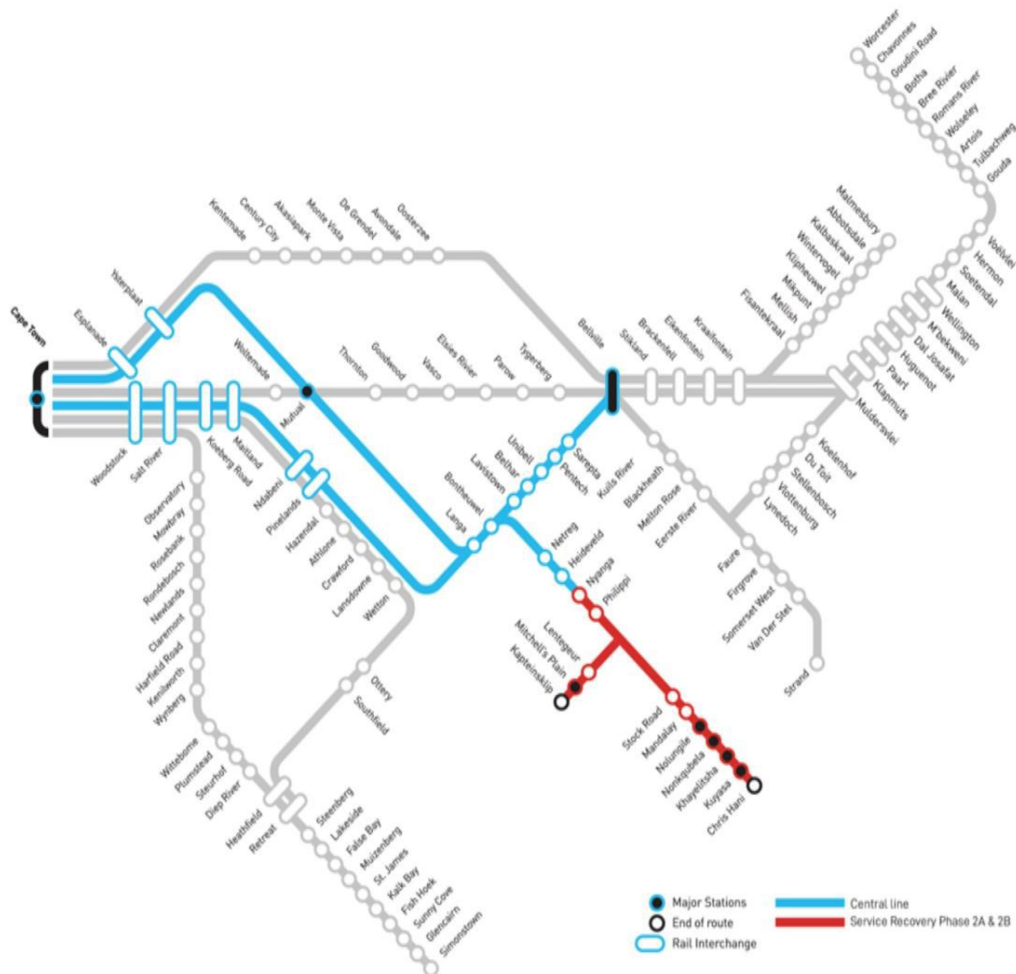
Of Prasa aan sy departement aangedui het of hy sal hou by sy sperdatum om die Kaapstadse sentrale lyne teen Maart 2024 te heropen of nie; so ja, wat die tersaaklike besonderhede is?

Antwoord:

Volgens inligting wat van PRASA ontvang is, kan die volgende gerapporteer word:

AGTERGROND

Die Sentrale Lyn strek van Kaapstad deur Langa na Bellville, met 'n split by Bonteheuwel na Kapteinsklop en Khayelitsha.



PRASA het die lyne tussen Kaapstad – Bellville (via Langa) en die Kaapstad – Nyanga herwin.

HERSTEL DIE RES VAN DIE NETWERK

Om die res van die Korridor (d.w.s. Nyanga – Kapteinsklip en Nyanga – Khayelitsha) te herstel, werk PRASA as lid van 'n Implementeringsprotokolooreenkoms (wat 'n Inter-regeringsverhoudingsooreenkoms is) wat die Nasionale Departement van Vervoer, Nasionale Departement van Menslike Nedersettings, Nasionale Departement van Openbare Werke en Infrastruktuur, Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Departement van Mobiliteit, Wes-Kaapse Provinsiale Departement van Infrastruktuur, die Stad Kaapstad en die Behuisingsontwikkelingsagentskap (HDA).

'n Geskatte 5 195 huishoudings en onwettige strukture word op PRASA se Central Line-spoorreservaat opgerig:

- 1254 strukture opgerig in Langa;
- 3688 strukture opgerig in en om die Philippi-stasie en;
- 253 inwoners wat by die Khayelitsha-stasie woon.

Die huishoudings moet hervestig word om PRASA in staat te stel om die spoorinfrastruktuur op die Sentrale Lyn ten volle te rehabiliteer en dienste te herstel.

ONMIDDELLIKE/TYDELIKE INTERVENSIE: OPERASIE BHEKELA - Nyanga na Philippi, en Philippi na Khayelitsha

Operasie Bhekela is 'n PRASA-geleide onmiddellike/tydelike ingrypingsplan om die hervatting van beperkte dienste op die Sentrale Lyn moontlik te maak.

Operasie Bhekela behels die invul ('n paar meter terugskuif) van insittendes wat reg op die spoorreservaat gevestig is.

PRASA het Operasie Bhekela op 29 Januarie 2024 voltooi. Hierdie proses het die verskuiwing van 891 gesinne wat die gebied tussen Nyanga en Philippi beset het na 'n tydelike hervestigingsgebied by Stockweg behels

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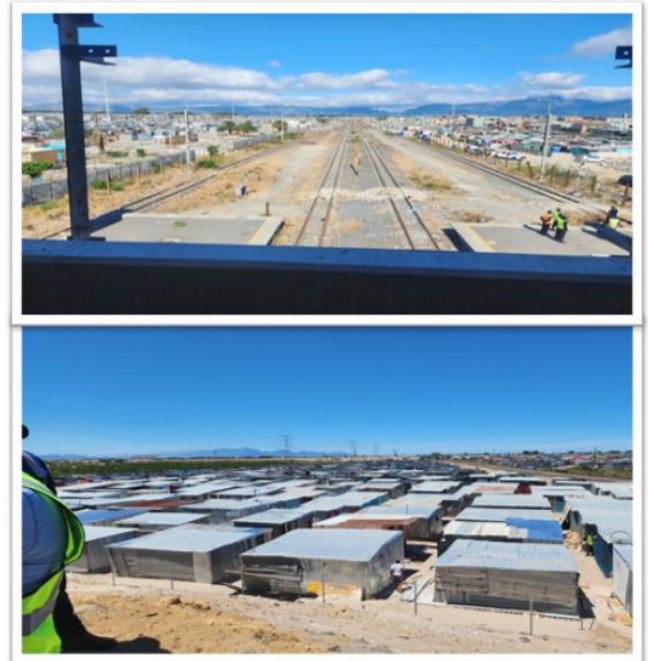


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Die infrastruktuur-rehabilitasie sal in tandem uitgevoer word, d.w.s. sein van die herstelde lyne tussen Langa – Bellville en Langa – Nyanga, terwyl die ander infrastruktuurkomponente (stasies, baan, substasies, spore, ens.) op die gedeelte tussen Nyanga – Kapteinsklip en Nyanga herwin word – Chris Hani) vir voltooiing in Kwartaal 3 (Oktober – Desember 2024).

Die herstelwerk word in fases gedoen en sommige gebiede sal dus weer in diens wees voor die finale voltooiingsdatum in Desember 2024.

MINISTER VAN MOBILITEIT

DATUM: