

Response by Ndabezinhle Sibiyi, Spokesperson for the MEC of Transport and Human Settlements to media queries regarding Klipriver Scholar Transport and other social media reports

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Inkosi Mhlabunzima Maphumulo House: We are in receipt of media enquiries regarding a public notice allegedly issued by Klipriver Scholar Transport.

We wish to indicate that it is illegal for anyone to stop cars, pull out passengers and force them to use taxis.

In October last year, this matter came under discussion in a meeting convened by the MEC for Transport and Human Settlements, Siboniso Duma and attended by Lt General Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi and the South African National Taxi Council.

The MEC has mandated the Provincial Regulatory Entity (PRE), a very important unit in the Department, to come closer to this matter working with the police.

The PRE is responsible for monitoring and overseeing public transport within the province. As guided by the National Land Transport Act, the PRE handles operating licences for public transport vehicles and other related regulatory functions.

Finally, we have also been inundated with queries regarding social media posts alleging that "SANTACO members have blocked roads and that South Africans can't have more than one passenger in their cars - whether they are kids, family, friends or colleagues."

We have contacted SANTACO in KwaZulu-Natal. And the organisation has denied knowing the existence of such activities and has distanced itself from such illegal operations.

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Enquiries

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