

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1279. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

(1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 4116 on 8 December 2015, she has finalised the appointment of Regular Force Military Judges yet; if not, (a) when will the vetting process for the specified judges be finalised and (b) by when will the specified judges be appointed; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether there are any further (a) stumbling blocks and/or (b) expected delays in the operations of the military judicial environment in the foreseeable future; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

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**REPLY:**

1. Vetting has been completed. Judges will be appointed before the end of May 2016.
2. The Military Discipline Bill has recently received pre-certification from the State Law Advisers and this marks the way for the introduction of the Bill into Parliament. The Bill once passed will go a long way towards strengthening the military justice system.