

**Joint Standing Committee on Defence  
Comment on Draft Committee Programme  
[01 January 2015 – 31 December 2015]**

**1. Introduction**

I enclose herewith proposals for amendments to the draft programme for the Joint Standing Committee on Defence for the period 27 January 2015 to 27 March 2015.

**2. Defence Review**

I enclose herewith proposals for hearings on the South African Defence Review 2014 in addition to the introductory hearings, public hearing and deliberations already proposed on the draft programme of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.

Date	Agenda	Objective	Documents
-	Briefing on the military preparedness of the South African National Defence Force.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the military preparedness of the South African National Defence Force.	-
-	Briefing on Chapter 2 and 3 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 2 and 3 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.

-	Briefing on Chapter 4 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 4 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 5, 6,7 and 8 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 9 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 9 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 10 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 10 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 11 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 11 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing

			Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 12 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 12 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 13 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 13 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 14 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 14 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on Chapter 15 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on Chapter 15 of the South African Defence Review 2014.	A copy of the South African Defence Review 2014 must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on the downsizing/rightsizing of the South African National Defence Force contained in the South African	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the downsizing/rightsizing of the South African National Defence Force	-

	Defence Review 2014.	contained in the South African Defence Review 2014.	
-	Briefing on the defence acquisition priorities for the South African National Defence Force contained in the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the defence acquisition priorities for the South African National Defence Force contained in the South African Defence Review 2014.	-
-	Briefing on the "Cost Estimator Model" used by the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the "Cost Estimator Model" used by the South African Defence Review 2014.	-
-	Briefing by the National Treasury on the affordability of the South African Defence Review 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed by the National Treasury on affordability of the South African Defence Review 2014.	-

### 3. Other Matters

I enclose herewith proposals hearings on other important matters to be included during the course of the year in in the draft programme of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence following the hearings/deliberations on the South African Defence Review 2014.

Date	Agenda	Objective	Documents
-	<p>Briefing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the events that led to the deaths of 15 members of the South African National Defence Force in the Central African Republic between 22 March 2013 and 24 March 2014 in the so-called “Battle of Bangui”; and</li> <li>• action taken to ensure a similar situation does not arise in the future.</li> </ul>	<p>The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the events that led to the deaths of 15 members of the South African National Defence Force in the Central African Republic between 22 March 2013 and 24 March 2014 in the so-called “Battle of Bangui”; and</li> <li>• action taken to ensure a similar situation does not arise in the future.</li> </ul>	<p>A copy of the following documents should be proved to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the “employment papers” for the South African National Defence Force deployment to the Central African Republic;</li> <li>• the internal review of the deployment of the South African National Defence Force to the Central African Republic conducted by the Chief of Joint Operations and Chief of the South African National Defence Force commissioned on 02 april 2013;</li> <li>• the final report of the Board of Inquiry the deaths of members of the South African National Defence Force [BOI-</li> </ul>

			<p>05/13 14]; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the final report of the Board of Inquiry into the loss of all serial controlled goods on the account of the Operation Vimbizela Training Team in the Central African Republic [BOI-06/13 14];</li> <li>• the final report of the Board of Inquiry into the tender for chartering of aircraft for the transportation of troops and supporting equipment to foreign missions on behalf of the Department of Defence.</li> </ul>
-	Briefing on the armaments acquisition by the South African National Defence Force.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the armaments acquisition by the South African National Defence Force.	A copy of the Strategic Capital Acquisition Master Plan must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on the compliance of the South African Special Force deployments with Section 201 of the Constitution.	The Joint Standing Committee to be briefed on the compliance of the South African Special Force deployments with Section 201	-

		of the Constitution.	
-	<p>Briefing on the operations and cost of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft used to transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Jacob Zuma; and</li> <li>• Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.</li> </ul>	<p>The Joint Standing Committee to be briefing on the operations and cost of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft used to transport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President Jacob Zuma; and</li> <li>• Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula.</li> </ul>	<p>A breakdown of routing and expenditure fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft used to transport President Jacob Zuma and Minister of Defence and Military Veterans Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.</p>
-	<p>Briefing on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the Dakota C47TP crash in the Drakensberg Mountains on 05 December 2012.</p>	<p>The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the Dakota C47TP crash in the Drakensberg Mountains on 05 December 2012.</p>	<p>A copy of the final report of the Board of Inquiry into the Dakota C47TP crash in the Drakensberg Mountains on 05 December 2012 [BOI-06/12] must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.</p>
-	<p>Briefing on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the Agusta 109 crash in the Kruger National Park on 30 March 2013.</p>	<p>The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the Agusta 109 crash in the Kruger National Park on 30 March 2013.</p>	<p>A copy of the final report of the Board of Inquiry into the Agusta 109 crash in the Kruger National Park on 30 March 2013 [BOI-17/13] must be proved to the Joint Standing Committee on</p>

			Defence.
-	Briefing on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the SAS Queen Modjadji's unplanned contact with the seabed on 17 July 2012.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the SAS Queen Modjadji's unplanned contact with the seabed on 17 July 2012.	A copy of the final report of the Board of Inquiry into into the SAS Queen Modjadji's unplanned contact with the seabed on 17 July 2012 [BOI-23/12 (FOF)] must be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.
-	Briefing on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the Cessna Caravan crash in Lydenburg, Mpumalanga on 18 June 2014.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to be briefed on the findings and recommendations of the Board of Inquiry into the Cessna Caravan crash in Lydenburg, Mpumalanga on 18 June 2014.	A copy of the final report of the Board of Inquiry into the Cessna Caravan crash in Lydenburg, Mpumalanga on 18 June 2014 should be provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.

#### 4. Oversight Visits

I enclose herewith a proposal for an oversight visit to be included in in the draft programme of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.

Date	Agenda	Objectives	Documents
-	Visit to the South African National	Joint Standing Committee on Defence visit to	-



	Defence Force deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ( <i>Operation Mistral</i> ).	the South African National Defence Force deployment in the Democratic Republic of the Congo ( <i>Operation Mistral</i> ).	
-	Visit to the Directorate of the Conventional Arms Control.	The Joint Standing Committee on Defence to visit the Directorate of Arms Control.	-

## 5. Conclusion

I would be grateful if you would table this document for discussion at the next meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence currently scheduled on or about 12 January 2015.