



08 January 2021

Dear Chairperson,

**THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE LIFE, HEALTH OR PROPERTY IN EMERGENCY OR HUMANITARIAN RELIEF OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND IN SERVICE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE IN THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

This serves to inform the National Council of Provinces that I have authorised the employment of 2122 members of the South African National Defence Force for service in order to preserve life, health or property in emergency or humanitarian relief operations in support of other Government Departments and in cooperation with the South African Police Service in the prevention of crime and maintenance of law and order in the Republic of South Africa under adjusted level 3 regulations.

In a move to curb the spread of COVID-19, on 28 December 2020, I announced that Cabinet has decided to put the country on an adjusted level 3 from level 1. Several of the level 3 regulations were strengthened to enforce restrictions under adjusted level 3.

The employment was authorised in accordance with the provisions of Section 201(2) (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and Section 18(1)(a) and Section 19 of the Defence Act, Act 42 of 2002.

The employment is for the period 29 December 2020 to 31 January 2021.

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this employment is R 95 666 944,00

I will communicate this report to members of the National Assembly and the Joint Standing Committee on Defence and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the National Council of Provinces.

Yours sincerely,

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