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Dear Minister Mapisa-Nqakula

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE REPORTS ON BUDGET VOTES 23 (DEFENCE), AND 26 (MILITARY VETERANS) - AS APPROVED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

I draw your attention to the report of the above Portfolio Committee, which was adopted by the National Assembly on 1 June 2021.

With regards to Budget Vote 23 Department of Defence (DOD), recommendations of the Committee, amongst others, are that:

- (a) the DOD should, on a quarterly basis, update the Committee on its plans to refit the primary SA Navy vessels;
- (b) a follow-up meeting by the Committee with the DOD and Armscor will be undertaken on the outcome of the Cabinet engagement on the future of Denel as it relates to Project Hoefyster, other major acquisition projects as well as 'Original Equipment Manufacturer' maintenance of SANDF equipment. This follow-up will be correlated with the Joint Standing Committee on Defence;
- (c) the Castle Control Board (CCB) should attempt not to rely on the DOD for funding during crises, but that it should also endeavour to maximise its revenue generation through its mandated activities as well as innovative new means to generate income. The Committee will monitor its efforts to generate its own revenue;
- (d) Armscor is urged to continue to provide quality and cost-effective support to the SANDF in the maintenance and development of its radar systems;

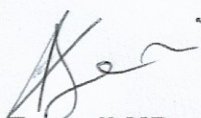
With regards to Budget Vote 26 - Department of Military Veterans (DMV), recommendations of the Committee, amongst others, are that:

- (e) the DMV provide the committee with the names, titles and contact details of all senior officials in order to allow Members to direct their queries from military veterans to the relevant section/branch speedily; and
- (f) DMV should address the inadequate legislative and policy risk as a matter of urgency, as it is central to addressing various other challenges to effectively deliver benefits to military veterans and their dependents.

Kindly forward a report on the recommendations contained in each of these reports to the Speaker for formal tabling and referral to the Committee.

Below is a schedule indicating the relevant reports of the Portfolio Committee, the ATC reference for each report, and related Minutes of Proceedings of the National Assembly dated 1 June 2021, for ease of reference.

Yours sincerely



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SCHEDULE OF BUDGET VOTE REPORTS APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

NAME OF THE REPORT	DATE OF RESOLUTION	ANNOUNCEMENT, TABLINGS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (ATC) REFERENCE
Report of Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on Budget Vote 23 Department of Defence	1 June 2021	Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 13 May 2021, p 159
Report of Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans on Budget Vote 26 Department of Military Veterans	1 June 2021	Announcements, Tablings and Committee Reports, 13 May 2021, p 149