



17 March 2023

Honourable Speaker,

**EMPLOYMENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE FOR THE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF CRIME AND MAINTENANCE AND PRESERVATION OF LAW AND ORDER IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR OPERATION PROSPER.**

This serves to inform the National Assembly that I have employed three thousand four hundred and seventy four members (3474) of the South African National Defence Force for service in cooperation with the South African Police Service for the prevention and combating of crime and maintenance and preservation of law and order in the Republic of South Africa under OPERATION PROSPER.

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 19 of the Defence Act, Act 42 of 2002.

The deployment is for a period from 17 March 2023 to 17 April 2023.

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this deployment amounts to R166 562 058.

I will communicate this report to the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces. I kindly request that you bring the contents of this letter to the attention of Members of the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

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**President of the Republic of South Africa**

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