



23 October 2023

Dear Chairperson,

EXTENSION OF EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS 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 Council of Provinces that I have extended the employment of eight hundred and eighty members of the South African National Defence Force for service ("SANDF") in cooperation with the South African Police Service ("SAPS") for the prevention and combating of crime and maintenance and preservation of law and order in the Republic of South Africa under OPERATION PROSPER.


Members of the SANDF employed will continue to work in cooperation with the SAPS, to protect and safeguard national key points and critical infrastructure in the energy sector (ESKOM power stations), under OPERATION PROSPER, for a period 18 October 2023 to 31 March 2024.

The extension of this employment is authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 201(2) (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 read with section 19 of the Defence Act, Act 42 of 2002.

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this deployment amounts to R 110 958 294.

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

Yours sincerely,



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