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Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

By what date can each of the 815 military veterans and former SA National Defence Force members who were called up to the Umzimvubu Regiment at 14 SA Infantry to assist with Operation Prosper expect to receive full remuneration?

REPLY:

The matter of the remuneration of the people who arrived for a call-up at the Umzimvubu regiment with the advent of the July 2021 unrest is still clear in our minds and still receiving attention. The SANDF made a call for members of the reserves to report at their respective units as part of mobilisation to quell the unrest that was unfolding, mainly in the KZN and Gauteng Provinces. Ordinarily, members report to their mother units.

In this regard, as I stated earlier this year, a Board of Inquiry was convened to get to the bottom of this matter. The Board of Inquiry report was concluded, however, there were certain areas that still needed to be verified regarding the people who reported to Umzimvubu prior to finalisation of payments for the outstanding members.

The allegations that arose at Umzimvubu Regiment regarding the call-up process included the payment and non-payment of some of the people, hence a decision was taken to convene a Board of Inquiry. The Board of Inquiry has since been concluded. Following its conclusion, some internal processes had to take place which include legal review of the Board of Inquiry and legal advice to the Convening Authority. These internal processes established that the Board of Inquiry had some short comings that needed to be clarified. As a result the Board was then reopened to address the identified short comings. I am expecting to be briefed by the leadership of the SANDF on this matter before the end of September 2022. Only thereafter will I be able to provide an answer to the question of the Honourable member with a view to state the findings and recommendations of the Board of inquiry

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