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Mr. T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

On what date does her department intend to dispose of the scrap metals at the depot in Walmansdal, which is at the risk of both fire and theft, in order to generate some income out of the scrap and mitigate the chances of possible fires breaking out again?

REPLY:

The Chief of the South African Defence force briefed me, that in a recent SANDF work session, he directed the Chief Logistic to initiate the process of disposal of scrap metal.

A qualified service provider, which will be selected by the bidding process governed by National Treasury procedures, will determine the commencement date of the disposal process.

The process to identify some of the burnt vehicles to be utilised as training targets is also taking place within Chief Logistics environment.

The scrap metals known are the samil vehicles that were damaged by fire. A disposal investigation was done. The disposal investigation is due to be presented to the Asset Alienation Approval Committee (AAAC), thereafter the approval process will follow. A timeline of 3-6 months is estimated for alienation to be completed after the approval process.

In the meantime measures are currently underway to counter the theft of spare parts and possible recurrence of fire. The SA Army has trained hundred and forty (140) Reserve Force members as "auxiliary firefighters" to combat grass fires. Furthermore, there are plans to train seventy (70) Reserve Force members during the second half of 2022/23 financial year. Fire Hydrants are currently in place and checked regularly as per safety regulations.

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