

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1141. Mr A M Mncwango (IFP) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

(1) Whether, with reference to the soldiers deployed in Kwa-Zulu Natal game parks (details furnished), the soldiers in carrying out their duties follow the same principles and fall under the same command as the rangers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) whether the rangers who fall under the same command as the soldiers are armed; if not, why not; if so, with what? NW1278E

REPLY:

(1) Soldiers of the SANDF are not deployed in the KZN game parks *per se* but are responsible for border safeguarding operations, amongst other, along the KZN-Mozambican border. They do not fall under any other command but that of the SANDF. The rangers, on the other hand, are under command of SANPARKS.

(2) The rangers do not fall under command of the SANDF. Details with respect to their armaments should be obtained from SANPARKS.