

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**



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**\*QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO: 1575**

**REPLY RECOMMENDED BY:  
MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS:MP**



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

Whether (a) her department and/or (b) entities reporting to her concluded any commercial contracts with (i) the government of the Russian Federation and/or (ii) any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 1 April 2017; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, for each commercial contract, what are the (aa) relevant details, (bb) values, (cc) time frames, (dd) goods contracted and (ee) reasons that the goods could not be contracted in the Republic?

#### **REPLY:**

The Armaments Corporation of South Africa SOC LTD (Armcor) is a Public Entity listed in Schedule 2 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans exercises ownership control over Armcor on behalf of the State. Armcor perform such acts as are necessary for or incidental to the carrying out of its objectives and the performance of its functions. In terms of Section 3 of the Armcor Act the objectives of Armcor are to meet the defence matériel requirements of the Department effectively, efficiently and economically.

Armcor may therefore from time to time enter into commercial contracts with foreign entities and/or governments, including the Russian Federation or entities based in the Russian Federation, in order to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Defence and Military Veterans. In the execution of its mandate Armcor complies with the provisions of all relevant legislation such as the PFMA as well as the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act (PPFPA). It may however not always be possible to source the required product or service in the Republic and in such event the product or services shall be contracted from the Original Equipment Manufacturer in the country of origin.



Contracts of such nature are normally classified and protected by confidentiality clauses as it relates to national security information where unauthorized disclosure may cause serious implications to the national security. It will therefore not be possible to divulge any detail regarding the specifics of contracts of this nature.

In conclusion, there have been no commercial contracts placed with the Government of the Russian Federation and/or any other entity based in the Russian Federation since 01 April 2017 by the Department of Defence and/or entities reporting to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans



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MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP

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