

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS



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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

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

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Mr K Ceza (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether she has taken any action in terms of speeding up the completion of the vehicle verification panel process of military veterans; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

REPLY:

The Ministerial Directive of November 2020 established the Verification Panel which is referred as Database Verification Cleansing and Enhancement (DVCE) work stream. The details of the verification process to date are as follows:

1. Gauteng Province:

Verification in Gauteng started on 06 May 2021 and ended on 09 December 2021

2. Eastern Cape:

The DVCE started verification in Eastern Cape on 12 February 2022 and finished on 02 April 2022

3. Limpopo

Verification in Limpopo started on 02 May 2022 and it will end on 24 June 2022

It is planned that all the Provinces will be completed by the end of the current financial year 2022/23 or by the first quarter of the new financial year.

Furthermore, the Verification Panel in pursuit to accelerate the assignment has increased number of verification days from 3 to 5; increased the working hours and also considering the feasibility of forming another verification panel.

Below is the progress thus far:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Number of applicants who were invited but never appeared	637
Number of applications send back to DMV not meeting Requirements	4
Applicants whose verdicts had to be withheld due to applications not meeting the requirements	24
Applicants not Recommended 247 from Self Defence Units 499 were declined 2 from Amabutho Groupings	748
No of Recommended applicants (internal, external operatives and ex-political prisoners	151
Total headcount of processed applicants(those who physically appeared before the panel)	1436
Prospective applicants, reported to be unreachable – either contact details provided have changed or applicants are deceased- DMV made contact	377
Total number of untraceable applicants- with no contact details	1192
TOTAL NUMBER OF PROCESSED APPLICATIONS	3005



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