NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION 1891  
  
Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans  
  
(1) Whether, given the budget constraints and the current cost of employees to reach 79% of the approved budget for the 2022-23 financial year, she has considered the total freeze and salary increase similar to what was announced by the Commissioner of the SA Revenue (SARS) with regard to remuneration increase of SARS employees, even a cost of living increase; if not, why not; if so, what (a) remuneration increases have been agreed to, (b) are the merits and justification of the increases and (c) are the gross financial implications of the increases;  
  
(2) (a) from which allocated and approved budget expenses will the reported R3 billion shortfall of cost of employees be funded, (b) what will the practical consequences of the increase be to the state regarding the Republic’s defence capabilities and readiness and (c) how does she justify the increase?   
  
Attached find here: [Reply](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW1891-2022-05-24.pdf)