

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**



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

- (1) With reference to 1 Military Hospital Repair and Maintenance Project and the obligatory consequence management, on what date will the finding and recommendation of the Board of Inquiry subsequent to the findings and recommendations contained in the Forensic Report be made available to the Portfolio Committee on Defence and the Joint Standing Committee on Defence;
- (2) whether any disciplinary actions were taken against any staff who were implicated directly and/or indirectly; if not, why not; if so, what is the progress in each case, as it was done by the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure reported in December 2021;
- (3) what (a) was the value of the newly procured equipment as reported, specifically the one CT scanner, two X-ray machines and one mammogram machine that became outdated and obsolete years before it could be used, and (b) are the numbers of equipment and value of the equipment that were sold and that had to be written off;
- (4) whether anyone has been held responsible and accountable for the fruitless and wasteful expenditures; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether the organisations and businesses mentioned and or implicated in the forensic report, specifically Tectura as mentioned on page 39 and 41 of the forensic presentation, have been barred from rendering further services to her department and or the South African National Defence Force; if not, why not; if so, what steps have been taken to ensure that only reputable organisations will be contracted to support her department and or SANDF in various projects?

**REPLY:**

- (1) The Board of Inquiry SANDF No 02/2018 findings and recommendations will be made available to the Portfolio Committee on Defence and Military Veterans as well as the Joint Standing Committee on Defence and Military Veterans respectively.
- (2) There is no disciplinary action that was taken against any staff, however the recommendations in the report that the matter be referred to law enforcement agencies was duly complied with in September 2021. The case was referred to the Directorate of Priority Crimes Investigations (DPCI) "Hawks", with case number DPCI HQ 02/09/2021.

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- (3) The costs of the equipment are as follows: 1x64 multi slice CT scanner at the cost of R10 154 873, 76; 1x mammography machine at the cost of R3 340 485,50; 3x digital flat panel general radiography machines (bucky x-ray machines) at the cost of R7 300 382,50 were procured. The total value of the equipment by then was R20 795 741, 76. The internal process of the disposal of the assets is underway and will be reflected in the financial statements to the annual report.
- (4) The implicated officials have since left the employ of the SANDF however the matter is still under investigation with the DPCI.
- (5) The Accounting Officer has been directed to handle all the legal processes and preventative measures to ensure the DoD/SANDF has no further dealings with these companies.



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