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**2168. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) Whether, in accordance with lockdown regulations with regard to travelling across international borders, any authorisation was given to the passengers who made use of a Falcon 900 airplane (VIP) from the SA National Defence Force on 8 September 2020 for a flight to Zimbabwe; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) what are the full names of each passenger and (b) in accordance with which requirement of Chapter 5, clause 59(2) of Level 2 regulations was authorisation given to each respective Passenger;

(2) will he be prepared to make a statement on the matter? NW2730E

**REPLY**

Honourable member, the matter pertaining to the trip of passengers who made use of falcon 900 airplane from the South African National Defence Force on 08 September 2020 for a flight to Zimbabwe, were dealt with by the President of the country. He took a decision to sanction the Minister of Defence because there were irregularities in the manner in which the trip was undertaken under her stewardship. After the action by the President, I regard the matter as closed except that the Public Protector is doing her own investigations.

**END**