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**QUESTION 2182**

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**2182. Mr A M Figlan (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Is the Acting National Police Commissioner currently reviewing the ranks of SA Police Service members who are members of the Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Associations, if so, (a) what is the purpose of this review process; (b) when will this process be completed, (c) what is the total amount budgeted for the completion of the project and (d) from which portion of the budget will the review be paid for?

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**REPLY:**

No. The Acting National Commissioner is not currently reviewing the ranks of South African Police Service (SAPS) members, who are members of the Umkhonto weSizwe Military Veterans Association.

1. In 2015, the former Minister of Police established a re-Ranking Committee to investigate and make a recommendation on the ranks of all former Non Statutory Force Members (Umkhonto weSizwe and Azanian People’s Liberation Army), who complained that they were prejudiced during the integration of the Security Forces, as their training, experience and responsibility were not considered when granting them their ranks, during the integration into the SAPS process.

The majority of these members were granted the ranks of Temporary Constable and Lance Sergeant, at the time.

1. The SAPS re-Ranking Committee is currently preparing a report and recommendations to the Minister of Police.
2. However, R4 000 000,00 is available for the project team.
3. A decision has not been made as to which portion of the budget this amount will come from.