

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS



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**REPLY RECOMMENDED BY
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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERNAL**QUESTION PAPER 23 FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION NO 2291****DATE OF PUBLICATION: 09 JUNE 2022****Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) Whether, with reference to the findings and recommendations by the Auditor General of South Africa on all the contracts under Project Thusano, more specifically the irregular, illegal and fraudulent procurement and importation of the Cuban drug Heberon ® Alfa R (Heberon), any implicated and/or involved official of the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) and/or her department, at the time of the alleged transgressions in 2020, has been subjected to any disciplinary charges and hearings; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date, (b) what are the names of the officials and (c) what were the outcomes of the disciplinary charges and/or hearings;
- (2) whether any criminal case has been opened with the SA Police Service and/or the National Prosecuting Authority against any implicated and/or involved official of the SANDF and her department, at the time of the alleged transgressions in 2020; if not, (a) why not and (b) by what date will such charges be instituted; if so, what are the relevant details, including the progress of any such investigation?

REPLY:

(1): No member or official of the DoD/SANDF has been subjected to disciplinary charges and hearing. The Chief of the SANDF has been directed to act upon all the affected members and a progress report is awaited. The matter is still under investigation by the Office of the Public Protector,

(2)The Department did not open any criminal case, however, note has been taken that a member of the public has laid charges with the SA Police Service.

**(T.R. MODISE)****MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP****DATE: 12.08.2022**