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

- (1) With reference to the continuous reliance on Reserve Force members for every authorised operation of the SA National Defence Force, (a) on what date will the new Chief of the SA Reserve Force be appointed after the termination of the term of the previous Chief on 31 May 2021 and (b) what are the reasons that the Chief of the SA Reserve Force has not been appointed for a full year;
- (2) (2) whether, with the term of the Reserve Force Council (RFC) members that ended towards the end of 2021, she has met with the previous RFC members; if not, why not; if so, on what date will the new members of the RFC be appointed;
- (3) (3) What are the (a) reasons that the new members of the RFC have not been appointed and (b) consequences of not appointing the members?

REPLY:

(1)(a). The Minister of Defence and Military (MOD&MV) and the Chief of the SA National Defence Force (C SANDF) have concluded the consultation on the appointment of the Chief Defence Reserves and the process is at an advanced stage. (b) The delay was due to the appointment of both the new C SANDF and the MOD & MV who still needed to consult and agree on a suitable candidate.

(2) The Minister and the Deputy Minister of Defence and Military Veterans met with the previous Reserve Force Council (RFC) and the new members will be appointed before the end of the Financial Year.

(3) The MOD&MV is still applying her mind on the appointment of the new RFC members. In the meantime RFC related matters are dealt with through the office of the Acting Chief Defence Reserves.



(T.R. MODISE)

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