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

(1) With reference to Project Thusano with the two main contracts being (a) TI 17-001 SUDAFRICA, that is meant to provide for collaboration on professional and technical services and (b) TI 17-002 SUDAFRICA, that is meant to provide for collaboration on vocational training services, what (i) number of subcontracts have been entered into between her department and /or the SA National Defence Force and the Cuban government under each of the two main contracts, (ii) is the nature of each subcontract and how do they relate to each of the two main contracts and (iii) amount of money was (aa) spent and (bb) actually paid to the Cubans on Project Thusano since its inception to date;

(2) (a) what are the current remaining terms of the two main contracts and each of the sub-contracts and (b) is the monetary value of the contracts from the date of inception until its maturity dates;

(3) whether, given that Auditor-General South Africa has declared the two main contracts and all its subcontracts irregular and wasteful expenditures, and that it will certainly lead to audit qualifications, and their recommendation to suspend and end all the said contracts immediately, any consideration has been given to end all contracts and/or relations with the Cubans under the specified contracts; if not, why not; if so what are the details and dates to end the contracts?

**REPLY:**

- (1) There are only two main contracts with the Cuban Government, TI 18-001 SUDAFRICA and TI 17-002 SUDAFRICA.
- I. There are 17 sub contracts per main contract entered into with the Cuban government.
  - II. As the nature of the contracts are for collaboration on the provision of professional services and also vocational training, terms outstanding cannot be determined. The sub contracts range from providing military vehicle repairs (for instance infantry combat vehicles; armoured fighting vehicles); aircraft repairs; medical equipment repairs, to mention but a few.

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- (ii) The monetary value which was spent from the inception of the contract in 2015 until 2021 financial year was a total of **R1 377 122 820.00**.
- (2) (a) The two contracts will end in January 2025.
- (b) the contract will further spend an estimated sum of **R1 288 455 688.24** for the remaining three years which will make a total of **R2 665 578 508.24**.
- 3) The SANDF has been directed to review Project Thusano. Furthermore, the CSANDF has been directed to reprioritise as the skills transfer has happened and will continue until the expiry of the contracts. The AGSA findings are matters being dealt with as part of continuous engagements with that office.



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