

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**



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**Mr. M L Shelembe (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 821 on 22 April 2022, regarding the men and women in the Reserve Force and the Military Veterans who honoured the Presidential call to report for work at Umzimvubu Military Base to assist during the July 2021 riots in KwaZulu-Natal, wherein it is stated that the South African Army has started investigating the matter to resolve the situation, and that a Board of Inquiry has been instituted and as soon as it is concluded the outcome will be provided to the Minister for further actions, and in view of that the specified men and women have been waiting for their payment for more than a year, some of whom have passed on, on what date (a) was the specified investigation instituted and (b) is the finalization of the investigation envisaged?

**REPLY:**

- 1 (a) The investigation was convened on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Upon completion, the investigation was handed over for legal review aimed at properly advising the Convening Authority. The investigation was found to be having some shortcomings which had to be rectified. Pending these rectifications, the envisaged date of completion was the end of September 2022 which could not be met due to the need to interview additional witnesses who came forward to be interviewed.
- (b) Given the above developments, it is anticipated that the investigation should be completed by end of October 2022. Upon completion, the investigation will once again be subjected to legal review for advice to the Convening Authority. The Department should then be ready to take the necessary steps in an effort to close this matter.



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