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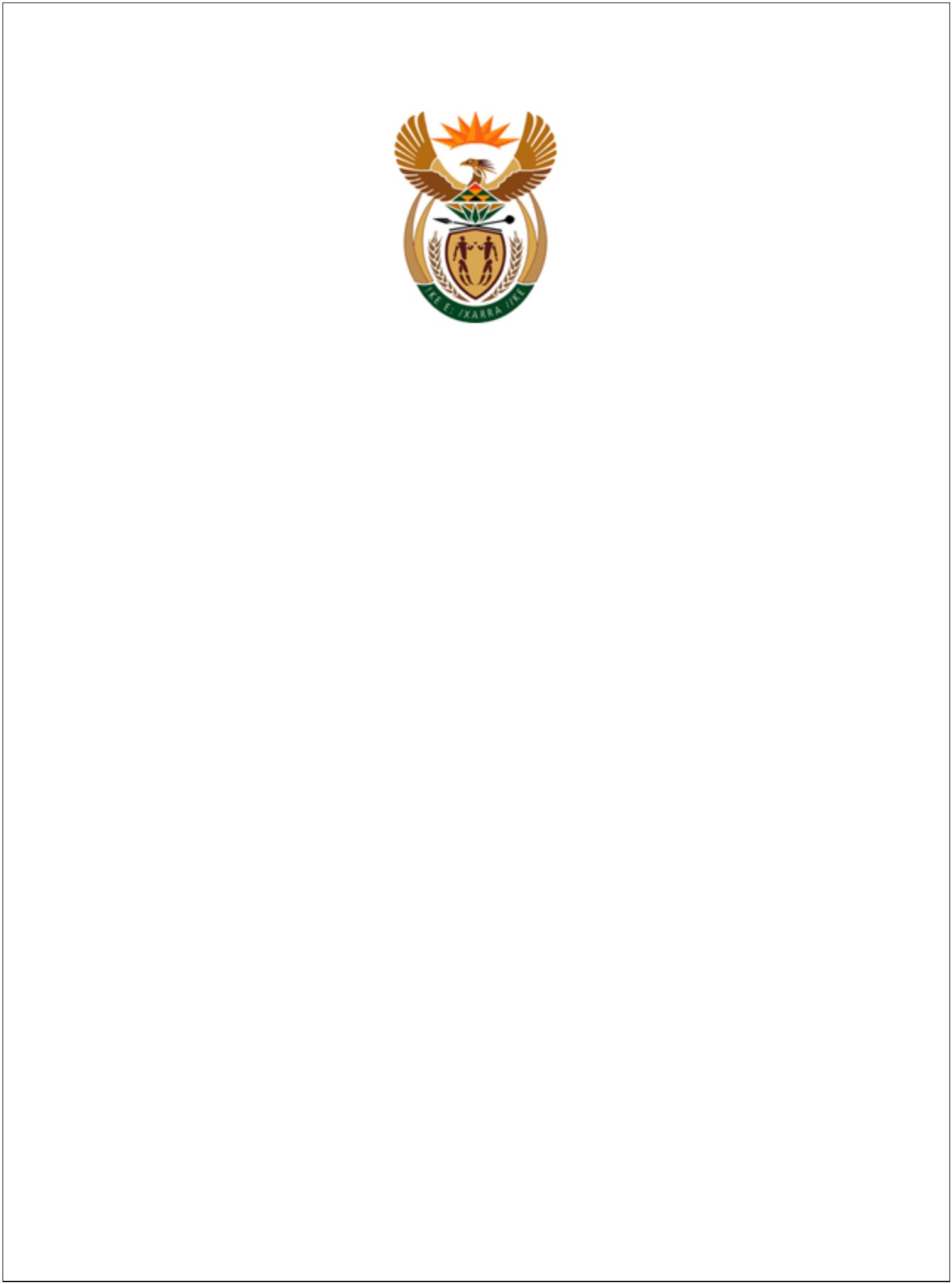
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**Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

(1)

Given that she and the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, authorised

the employment of 10 000 soldiers under Operation Prosper until 13 September 2021,

what are the (a) reasons that there were soldiers still deployed in KwaZulu-Natal under

Operation Prosper on 27 September 2021 when the unfortunate accident happened, while

no further employment authorisation was granted and (b) costs related to the unauthorised

extension

(2)

whether she has found that the costs of the unauthorised extension will not be

considered by the Auditor-General as unauthorised and wasteful expenditure that meets

the standard of an audit qualification; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what

are the relevant details?

**REPLY:**

(1)

There were no deployment of the SANDF soldiers in KwaZulu-Natal beyond the 13

September 2021. The incident of the 27 September 2021 was not related to the

deployment of SANDF soldiers previously authorised.

(2)

No extension or unauthorized extension of deployment was ever granted or issued

for the SANDF under Operation PROSPER beyond the 13 September 2021, in KwaZulu-

Natal.

