

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3473. Mr S P Mhlongo (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

What is the total number of troops who are currently serving in each military branch of the SA National Defence Force? NW3849E

**REPLY:**

The SA National Defence Force has a total strength of 63 761 uniformed personnel (soldiers). Of the 63 761 soldiers in the SANDF, 16 705 are troops (riflemen, privates, airmen and sailors), while 47 056 personnel are rank carrying members.

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| Arm of Service | Other than Private | Privates/Troops | Grand Total |
| SA Army | 26 338 | 14 987 | 41 325 |
| SA Air Force | 8 619 | 429 | 90 48 |
| SA Navy | 6 396 | 376 | 6 772 |
| SA Medical Health Service | 5 703 | 913 | 6 616 |
| Grand Total | 47 056 | 16 705 | 63 761 |