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**Mr T N Mmutle (ANC) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:[****20] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:**What (a) progress has she made in implementing the resolution to relocate Denel from the Department of Public Enterprises to the Department of Defence and (b) are the timelines in this regard?

 **REPLY:**

a) The relocation of Denel, the state-owned armaments manufacturing institution, necessitates the participation of the entire government, especially the Department of Public Enterprises, under which it falls, as well as National Treasury. The Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans cannot execute this process on their own; they must also be satisfied that there is due diligence prior to relocation. There will also be legal ramifications from the relocation.

b) The deadlines cannot yet be defined because they are dependent on the fulfillment of the conditions outlined in the preceding paragraph. (a).