

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**3840. Mr S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

With reference to the Social Relief of Distress (SRD) grant of R1200 per month, which was granted to 2243 military veterans in the 2016-17 financial year, what (a) is the military formation that each military veteran was part of, (b) is the criteria to qualify for an SRD grant, (c) are the details of service providers, (d) are the details of the distribution of Military Veterans who received the assistance in terms of the (i) town and (ii) province, (e) was the total cost that was incurred for the distress relief assistance and (f) policy or guidelines that govern this assistance? NW4343E

REPLY:



1. is the criteria to qualify for an SRD grant
   * Policy guidelines and Policy Draft attached
2. are the details of service providers,

* The DMV utilised the services of ABSA Bank from 1 April 2016 to 30 November 2016 in line with Treasury approval. As of December 2016 to 31 March 2017, the DMV had established systems to manage the benefit internally.

1. are the details of the distribution of Military Veterans who received the assistance in terms of the (i) town and (ii) province,

The table below outlines distribution in terms of Province.

1. was the total cost that was incurred for the distress relief assistance and

* The total cost for 2016/17 financial year was **R22 064 000.00**

1. policy or guidelines that govern this assistance

A draft policy guideline for SRD has now been completed for final approval. The DMV has been reviewing all benefits policies in line with the recommendations of the Turnaround Support Initiative.