

**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE & MILITARY VETERANS**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

(1) Whether a SA Air Force aircraft was used to transport her and the President of the Republic, Mr Jacob G Zuma, to attend the funeral of the late Mr Fidel Castro in the Republic of Cuba in November and December 2016; if not,

(2) whether the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) chartered a private plane to transport her and the President on the specified trips; if so, (a) which company was used, (b) what did the specified chartered aircraft cost, (c) which aircraft were chartered and (d) what was the nationality of each crew member on board;

(3) whether each of the specified crew members were vetted by the Intelligence Services of the SANDF; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) whether the specified charters were authorised in terms of National Treasury RT61 contract specifications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW465E

**REPLY:**

The information requested relates to the movement of the VVIP and such information can only be disclosed in a closed session of the Joint Standing Committee on Defence.