**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 503/ NW557E**

**MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES:**

**Mr S Esau (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:**

**QUESTION**

(1)      (a) What are the details of the Service Level Agreement signed between his department and the Department of Defence and Military Veterans to employ military veterans in the Elands Bay Infrastructure Improvement and Project Operational Phase of the Cederberg Fishing Infrastructure Development and Management Project on the West Coast in the Western Cape and (b) what do the (i) Memorandum of Understanding and (ii) Business Plan, including the latest amendments, between his department and the Cederberg Local Municipality entail;

(2)      (a) what amount was allocated from the Marine Living Resources Fund to the specified project, (b) what conditions were attached to the funding in terms of the employment of military veterans, (c)(i) what amount was allocated towards the employment of the specified military veterans and (ii) for what period of time and (d) what criteria were used to select the specified military veterans;

(3)      (a) how many military veterans are employed in the different phases of the specified project and (b) what amount is each military veteran paid in each month for rendering their services?                                           NW557E

**REPLY**

1(a) The Agreement between DAFF and the Department of Defence and Military Veterans does not deal with the employment of the Military Veterans by DAFF. It was therefore decided to create a separate Deliverable in the existing Cederberg Fishing Infrastructure Development and Management Project for the deployment of Military Veterans under the Marine Anti-poaching Project.

1(b)(i) The Memorandum of Agreement between the Cederberg Municipality and DAFF makes provision for employment of Military Veterans as separate Deliverable (Annexure D of MOA).

1(b)(ii) The Business Plan deals in the main with the Cederberg Fishing Infrastructure Development and Management Project but also includes Military Veterans as a separate Deliverable.

2(a) The amount allocated to the Marine Anti-poaching component of the Cederberg Fishing Infrastructure Development and Management Project comes from the Working for Fisheries Programme: Expanded Public Works Programme is Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Rand (R 12 500 000).

2(b) EPWP criteria and conditions were attached to the funding of the project.

2(c) (i) Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand Rand (R 12 500 000).

2(ii) Twenty (20) months, commencing January 2014.

2(d)The Agreement between DAFF and Department of Defence and Military Veterans guided the selection of the military veterans.

3(a) Forty-one (41) veterans are employed.

3(b) The amount paid varies depending on the number of days worked as per the EPWP guidelines.