**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
FOR WRITTEN REPLY  
QUESTION 639  
  
Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**  
  
(1) Whether Project Hoefyster has been cancelled; if not, (a)(i) why not and (ii) with what funding will Project Hoefyster be pursued and (b) what will be the (i) budget and (ii) time frame for delivery; if so,

(2) whether the replacement of the Ratel Infantry Fighting Vehicle (IFV) will still be pursued; if not, (a) why not and (b) will she procure a replacement from other capable SA Defence Industry (SADI) manufactures given that SADI manufactures are world-renowned for the best possible prime mission equipment; if so, what are the relevant details;  
  
(3) what is the position of her department on the need to replace the Ratel IFV in order to support the SADI and Operation Phakisa, given that the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, and relevant Ministers have stated the importance of the SADI in growing the economy and creating jobs and emphasised the importance of Operation Phakisa?   
  
**Attached find here:** [**Reply**](https://pmg.org.za/files/RNW639-2022-05-18.pdf)