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Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What (a) is the average age of soldiers who are eligible for deployment in the SA National Defence Force and (b) number of soldiers who are (i) above and (ii) below 45 years?

REPLY:

(a) The current average age for deployable members in the South African National Defence Force is 40 years of age.

(b) As at the end of February 2024 the age distribution is as follows:

- i. A total of 20,887 members are older than 45 years of age.
- ii. A total of 39,593 members are younger than 45 years of age.



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