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

Whether, with regard to the capability decay at 28 Squadron, she can confirm if the need for logistical heavy and medium-lift cargo and soldier transport as provided for by 28 Squadron is a critical support requirement for the Republic's responsibilities locally and abroad; if not, (a) how and (b) with which air lift platforms will the essential logistical and support services by 28 Squadron to the Republic, the special forces, paratroopers and deployed soldiers be replaced and/ or substituted; if so, what are the practical steps that has been and/or will be implemented to resuscitate the capabilities to sustainable levels?

REPLY:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) i. 28 Squadron will continue to support the requirement as stated above. In addition this has been supplemented by the use of chartered aircraft under the RT-61 contract.
- ii. In the medium term, a Required Operational Capability (ROC) is in process for the upgrade of the current C130 fleet.

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Ms T.R. MODISE: MP
MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

Date: 23. 03. 2022