

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**



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

- (1) (a) In which military bases were and/or will bakeries be established, (b) what are the reasons, criteria and/or motivations for establishing the bakeries, (c) how does the bakeries project correlate with the objectives of Project Koba Tlala to procure from local small, medium and micro enterprises and (d) what is the capital cost of each bakery including renovations, upgrades and construction;
- (2) whether the Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, and National Treasury regulations and requirements were fully complied with in the construction of each bakery; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, from which financial resources is the construction work financed;
- (3) (a) who are the persons working in each bakery, (b) what is the monthly salary paid to each person, (c) what are their relations to the SA National Defence Force and its members if the persons are not soldiers and (d) who are the contractors used for the capital work of building each bakery?      NW1179E

**REPLY:**

**(1)(a)** There are about seven bakeries which are operational to date and three are not yet operational, awaiting for installation. The following are bakeries services and their location in the SA Army Support Bases under Army Support Formation:

- Army Support Base Western Cape (Cape Town) - operational.
- Army Support Base Eastern Cape (Qgeberha) - operational.
- Army Support Base Potchefstroom- operational.
- Army Support Base Johannesburg (Lens Military Base) - operational.
- Army Support Base Garrison (Thaba Tswane) - operational.
- Army Support Base Limpopo (Polokwane) - operational.
- Army Support Base Mpumalanga (Nelspruit) - operational.
- Army Support Base Bloemfontein - **not yet operational.**
- Army Support Base KwaZulu Natal (Durban) - **not yet operational.**
- Army Support Base Kimberly- **not yet operational**
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**(b)** The DOD and SANDF in particular has been subjected to an unfortunate price hikes by the private sector on most commodities it consumes. This happens in the mist of budget cuts which inevitably catalyse sharp decline of the SANDF core capability making it difficult to arrest such a decline as per the Defence Review 2015 which directs the need to arrest the decline in Defence capabilities. With such projects e.g. bakery, the targeted group would then produce what Defence Force consumes and these commodities will be bought by SANDF bases through commercialized messes. These commodities will be purchased at cost plus in order for producers to continue being in business and SANDF to add more buying power of what is left of its inadequate budget allocation after paying salaries. Among other things bakery services become an easy undertaking to start with and up to this far it has proven to be very savvy and successful under the "New Normal". To qualify this statement, currently to produce a loaf of bread cost the Club about R5 to R6 by Army Support Bases. The bakeries project once fully rolled out will provide (as is already the case) some cost savings whilst ensuring self-sustenance of the SANDF.

**(c)** The bakeries are being managed and run by civilians employed through NPF. On Project Koba-Tlala, the SANDF is utilizing its foot print {Reserves} to implement Project KOBALALA through commercialization of messes and decentralized procurement system thereby supporting local procurement.

**(d)** On average, capital cost for each bakery is about R700 000, including renovations and construction.

**(2)** All of these have been established with non-public funds (of the combined clubs). No public funds were involved.

**(3)(a)** Currently the bakeries have employed Reserve Force members who are unemployed, Military Veterans and members of the community through the NPF. Most members of these groups have been for the longest time in the peripheral space of the economic activities of our country is given a unique opportunity for sustainable and meaningful employment and most importantly to create their generational wealth through SANDF facilitated development as part of its social responsibility program.

(b) The bakery workers are paid R20 per hour.

(c) Refer to 3(a).

(d) All the units used different companies that specializes in Installations of bakery equipment machinery. (See Attached annexures).

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