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PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

FIRST TERM 2014

13 January – 14 March (9 weeks)

Leave Period

2 – 10 January 2014

Constituency Period

13 – 24 January 2014

Committees

28 January – 12 February 2014

President's State-of-the-Nation Address (Joint Sitting)

13 February 2014 (pm)

Debate on President's State-of-the-nation address

17 February 2014

Reply by President to debate on State-of-the-nation address

18 February 2014

Budget speech (NA

26 February 2014 (Including tabling of Fiscal Framework, Appropriation Bill and Division of Revenue

Bill)

Plenaries/ Committees

20 February – 14 March 2014

NA debate on Fiscal Framework

4 March (p)

Tabling of departmental strategic plans

5 March (p)

NA plenary on Division of Revenue Bill

6 March (p)

***Please note that the Committee has not scheduled any meetings outside of its allocated slots.**

STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS – SONA**13 FEBRUARY 2014****DEBATE ON THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS****18 AND 19 FEBRUARY 2014****NA COMMITTEES/PLENARIES****PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE TO THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS****20 FEBRUARY 2014**

DATE, TIME & VENUE	AGENDA	OBJECTIVES <i>Aligned to Government priorities and committee mandate</i>	DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DATE
Tuesday 18 February 2014 09:00 – 13:00 Venue: To be confirmed	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consideration of amended first term Committee programme2. Consideration and adoption of Committee minutes3. Presentation on the ratification of the Convention on Cluster Munitions4. Department of Defence and Department of Military Veterans on its June – December 2013 financial and	<p>Tabled in terms of Section 231(2) of the Constitution on 5 December 2013, the Convention prohibits the use, production, stockpiling and transfer of cluster munitions as a result of its "adverse humanitarian impact".</p> <p>The Departments of Defence and Military Veterans are required to provide quarterly progress reports on its expenditure and progress in realising its strategic objectives</p>	14 February 2014

	<p>administrative performance + Defence Secretariat briefing on internal reprioritisation activities and the impact this has on the implementation of strategic priorities as well as its ability to meet set targets.</p> <p>5. Meeting with the Auditor-General of South Africa (AGSA) and the Defence Secretariat (incl Audit Committee) on the resolution of audit findings and matters relating to the strengthening of the Department's internal audit function.</p>	<p>which are aimed at ultimately ensuring a safer South Africa and the effective management of the Defence Force.</p> <p>During previous Committee meetings, the Committee raised concerns regarding the resolution of audit findings,. The Committee will receive a comprehensive briefing on the challenges relating to the effective resolution of audit findings by key roleplayers.</p>	
<p>Wednesday, 19 February 2014</p> <p>09:00 -13:00</p> <p>Venue: M514, 5th Floor, Marks Building</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration and adoption of draft oversight report 2. Discussion on the JSCPS cluster related aspects of the 2014 SONA. 3. Presentation on the Defence Amendment Bill (PMB8-2013) + response by the Department of Defence. 4. Briefing on the current state of the Department of Defence, Department of Military Veterans as well as the defence entities. 	<p>The Committee will deliberate of all defence and cluster related matters which may impact on the Committee's oversight programme.</p> <p>Referred to the Committee on 2 October 2013 and in terms of the draft guidelines for the consideration of private members' legislation, the Parliamentarian will brief the Committee on the purpose and objectives of said legislation</p> <p>The Committee will be briefed on the key matters which require greater scrutiny in the next Parliamentary term. This is in view of the legacy document which the Committee will</p>	17 February 2014

		table as foundation for the new Defence Committee.	
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BUDGET SPEECH

26 FEBRUARY 2014

DATE, TIME & VENUE	AGENDA	OBJECTIVES <i>Aligned to Government priorities and committee mandate</i>	DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DATE
<p>Wednesday</p> <p>26 February 2013</p> <p>09:00 – 13:00</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of Committee minutes 2. Defence Amendment Bill (PMB8-2013) – finalisation and decision 3. Consideration and adoption of Committee's report on its deliberations on the Convention of Cluster Munitions. 4. The state of the South African Reserve Force and the role of the Reserve Force Council 5. Meeting with the Defence Force Service Commission and the Office of the Military Ombud. 	<p>The Committee will conclude its deliberation and will decide whether it will proceed with the processing of the Bill.</p> <p>The Department will provide the Committee with a comprehensive overview of the current state of the South African Reserve Force, as well as the work, value and relevance of the Reserve Force Council, established by the Defence Act.</p> <p>These bodies will provide the Committee with a status report on their work to date. The presentation should include any challenges experienced during the course of their work.</p>	<p>19 February 2014</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>4 March 2014</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of Committee minutes 2. Meeting at the Saldanha Military 	<p>A training unit of the South African National Defence Force</p>	<p>26 February 2014</p>

08:30 – 12:00	Academy	(SANDF), the Committee will investigate to what extent this institution, contributes to the development of a professional Defence Force. The Committee will focus on the state of facilities, the relationship between students and trainers/lecturers, and whether the institution provides relevant training/educational opportunities which contribute to intellectual and career/professional development of members of the SANDF.	
Wednesday 5 March 2014 09:00 – 13:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of Committee minutes 2. Briefings at the Wynberg Military Base on the state of defence facilities; the relationship between the Departments of Defence and Public Works; and a status report on the formation and functioning of the Defence Works Formation. 	The Departments will provide the Committee with an updated report on the state of defence facilities, the challenges in the relationship between the two Departments, and measures taken to address these challenges. Furthermore, the Committee will be provided with an update on the operations of the recently established Defence Works Formation.	26 February 2014
Tuesday 11 March 2014 09:00 – 13:00	Meeting at the Langebaan Flying School	This is a follow-up meeting with the management of the base, to revisits matters identified during the previous oversight visit to the School.	5 March 2014
Wednesday 12 March 2014 10:00 -12:00	Adoption of minutes and reports; adoption of the committee's legacy reports	The Committee will wrap-up its business and will finalise its hand-over document that will hopefully serve as a useful guide for the new Defence Committee.	5 March 2014