



11 March 2026

Dear Chairperson,

EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE

This serves to inform the Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces that I have employed two thousand two hundred (2 200) members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) for service in cooperation with the South African Police Service (SAPS) to prevent and combat crime and maintain and preserve law and order in the Republic of South Africa under Operation PROSPER illegal mining and gangsterism.

Members of the SANDF employed will be assisting the SAPS to prevent and combat Illegal mining and gangsterism in Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, North West and Western Cape Provinces.

The employment is for the period 01 March 2026 until 31 March 2027.

This employment is authorised in accordance with the provisions of section 201(2) (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this employment amounts to R 823 153 960.00.

I will communicate this report to the Speaker of the National Assembly. I kindly request that you bring the contents of this letter to the attention of Members of the National Council of Provinces.

Yours sincerely,


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