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The Leader of the Opposition (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Whether the Armaments Corporation of South Africa sells arms and ammunition, propellant powder and/or explosives to the Russian Federation (1); if not, what is the position in this regard (2), if so, what are the relevant details?

REPLY:

1. The Armaments Corporation of South Africa SOC LTD (Armcor) is a Public Entity listed in Schedule 2 of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA). In terms of Section 4 of the Armcor Act, the functions of Armcor includes marketing support to defence-related industries in respect of defence materiel, in consultation with the Department and the defence-related industries in question.

Armcor may also, with the approval of the Minister, exploit such commercial opportunities as may arise out of the Corporation's duty to acquire defence materiel or to manage technology projects. Armcor may therefore from time to time enter into commercial agreements with foreign entities and/or governments, including the Russian Federation, subject to the National Conventional Arms Control Act, the Regulation of Foreign Military Assistance Act, and the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction Act.

In the execution of its mandate, Armcor complies with the provisions of all relevant legislation as mentioned above. Agreements of such nature are normally classified and protected by confidentiality clauses, as it relates to security information where unauthorized disclosure may cause serious implications to the national security.

2. It will therefore not be possible to divulge any detail regarding the specifics of agreements of this nature.



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