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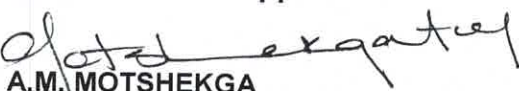
Mr O.J. Mokae (Northern Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

1. Whether she will provide a list of all properties that are leased by the SA National Defence Force (SANDF) in Postmasburg; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many homes are currently being rented out by the SANDF to (i) staff and (ii) their families in Postmasburg, (b) at what level of responsibility is the SANDF assuming the maintenance of such properties, (c) why her department has not yet demolished trailer park homes in Postmasburg that were declared uninhabitable and (d) what actions is her department taking to address (i) vandalism and (ii) the use of the properties by vagrants?

RESPONSE

1. The following response is provided by the SA Army:
 - a. The SANDF has been allocated with 182 properties from DPWI in Postmasburg, of which (i) – (ii) 151 are allocated to SANDF members.
 - b. There is a satellite of Regional Works Unit Northern Cape at the SA Army Combat Training Centre that executes 1st line day-to-day maintenance, as is reported by the occupants.
 - c. A conditional assessment of properties in Postmasburg was conducted by Regional Works Unit Northern Cape in March 2025. All properties were found to be habitable and/or repairable, except for the burnt trailer park home. A letter was submitted to Loss Control to request authority to write off the burnt trailer park home in February 2025, however the process for the disposal thereof is still ongoing.
 - d. Guards have been stationed at the military properties to curb (i) vandalism and (ii) unauthorised occupation of houses not yet allocated to SANDF members.

Approved / Not Approved


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MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS

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