

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS



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7333. Mr N G Myburgh (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

- (1) Whether, with reference to Armscor's request for bid (RFB) ELWS/2024/71 for the procurement of new armoured personnel carriers for the SA army, any independent landmine-blast and/or ballistic testing has been conducted on the vehicle platform of a certain company (name furnished) to verify crew protection levels; if not, why not; if so, (a) on what date, (b) where were the specified tests performed and (c) how does (i) her department and (ii) Armscor ensure that vehicles delivered under the specified contract comply with all safety and technical standards required for mine-resistant troop carriers;
- (2) what measures have been implemented to ensure that the procurement complies fully with the (a) Public Finance Management Act, Act 1 of 1999, (b) Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, Act 5 of 2000 and (c) Armscor's internal procurement policy;
- (3) given the failure of the R7 billion Project Hoefyster to deliver a single Badger infantry fighting vehicle after nearly two decades, what lessons have been applied to prevent a repeat of such delays, cost overruns and technical failures in the new procurement;
- (4) whether she will consider initiating an independent investigation and/or review into the procurement process for RFB ELWS/2024/71 to ensure transparency, accountability and protection of public funds; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant detail?

RESPONSE

(1) (a) Landmine protection was not a requirement for this bid, however ballistic requirements are as per table Item 3 above

Ballistic Test results against specified Kinetic Energy (KE) threat: STANAG 4569 LEVEL 1 (Small calibre weapon of 7.62 X 51mm) conducted by BPT in August 2024 were submitted with the bid.

(2) (a), (b) and (c) In relation to the management of Armscor, Armscor has a Board of Directors as required in terms of Section 49 of the PFMA. The Board is an authority which

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is accountable for the purposes of the PFMA, i.e. the accounting authority. This is further made clear under section 6(2) of the Act.

It follows, therefore, that in terms of the aforesaid legislative provisions, Armscor is mandated to ensure that the defence materiel requirements of the Department, more specifically the South African National Defence Force (SANDF), are met by procuring equipment or services in accordance with the Act. In line with its mandate, Armscor is accountable to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans ("the Minister"), who is also the shareholder representative of Armscor. Therefore, Armscor functions independently of the SANDF, in line with its empowering legislation and relevant regulations.

The procurement has followed all the processes as stipulated by the above acts and Policies including adjudication committees and reports of these are available

(3) Following proper consideration of all risks associated with the placement of the order. The order has been structured as follows:

(4) The Minister will make a determination upon good cause shown of any irregularities.

~~Approved / Not Approved~~



MA. MOTSHEKGA

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