

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS



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QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION 168

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CHIEF OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE: GENERAL**

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION 168****DATE OF PUBLICATION: 06 MARCH 2026****Mr. N Gotsell (Western Cape: DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

- (a) What is the current funding level of the SA Military Health Service Regular Force Medical Continuation Fund for military veterans and pensioners,
- (b) What is the total projected shortfall in meeting its contractual obligations to provide lifelong healthcare to veterans and
- (c) What steps her department has taken to ensure that the approximately 36 000 pensioners who are dependent on the fund are not facing any cessation of medical cover?

RESPONSE

- (a) As per the Actuarial Valuation (dated 31 Mar'25) the funding level is: 3,50% funded.
- (b) Approximately 50% shortfall (Rm40 per month). The Fund is unable to invest the current contributions made by active members to honour their medical benefit promise. Furthermore, the Fund has been disinvesting since Nov'23 to date to honour monthly expenditure.
- (c) The DOD has been in ongoing engagements with National Treasury for a long-term solution to ensure that the retired members of the SANDF have access to healthcare benefits.

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