



THE PRESIDENCY
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

FRIDAY, 26 JUNE 2026

DUE DATE: 10 JULY 2026

3956. Mr C Hattingh (DA) to ask the President of the Republic:

- (1) Whether the panel appointed by the President of the Republic, Mr M C Ramaphosa, on 26 February 2026 to investigate circumstances surrounding Exercise Will for Peace 2026 and the alleged failure to implement his instruction regarding the participation of Iran has completed its investigation; if not, (a) what is the current status of the investigation and (b) by what date is the panel expected to submit its report; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) whether he has received the report of the panel; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date;
- (3) whether the panel found that any instruction issued by him regarding the participation of Iran in Exercise Will for Peace 2026 was not implemented, ignored, misinterpreted or otherwise not complied with; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (4) whether any member of the SA National Defence Force, the Department of Defence, the Ministry of Defence and Military Veterans or any other organ of state was found to have acted improperly in relation to the exercise; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (5) whether any disciplinary, administrative, civil and/or criminal action has been recommended or initiated as a result of the findings of the panel; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW4182E

REPLY

The President has not received the report of the panel appointed to investigate circumstances surrounding Exercise Will for Peace 2026.

The Panel is expected to finish its work within six months of its establishment. The President may, on compelling cause shown, extend the period of the Panel's proceedings.