



25 March 2020

Dear Speaker,

EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR SERVICE IN COOPERATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER, SUPPORT TO OTHER STATE DEPARTMENTS AND BORDER LINE CONTROL

On 23 March 2020, I announced that the National Coronavirus Command Council has decided to enforce a national-wide lockdown for 21 days with effect from midnight, Thursday 26 March 2020.

The decision by National Coronavirus Command Council was taken as a measure to save South Africans from infection and to save the lives of thousands of people.

To ensure that the measures outlined in my announcement are implemented, I have in terms of section 201(2) (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South, 1996 and section 18(1) of the Defence Act, 2002(Act 42 of 2002), authorised the employment of 2820 members of the South Africa National Defence Force (SANDF) for a service in cooperation with the South African Police Service in order to maintain law and order, support other State Departments and to control our border line to combat the spread of COVID-19.

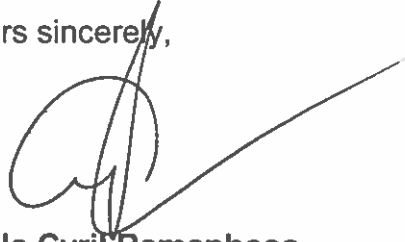
Members of the SANDF will be employed in all nine (9) provinces. This employment is authorised in accordance with section 201(2)(a) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 and section 18(1) of the Defence Act, 2002.

The employment will be over the period from 26 March 2020 to 26 June 2020.

The expenditure expected to be incurred for this employment is R 641 200 290.

I will communicate this report to members of the National Council of Provinces and the Joint Standing Committee on Defence and wish to request that you bring the contents hereof to the attention of the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

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