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Mr W T I Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans [□366] [Question submitted for oral reply now placed for written reply because it is in excess of quota (Rule 137(8))]:

Whether her department is leasing any land and/or properties; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total amount is her department paying per annum for leased land and/or properties and (b) security risk does the continued leasing of properties pose for the Republic?

REPLY:

(a) The Department of Military Veterans is leasing the following eight (8) properties:-

1. DMV Headquarters - 328 Festival Street Hatfield, Pretoria.
2. North West Provincial office –
3. Eastern Cape provincial office – 35 Terminus Street, Caxton House, Quigney, East London.
4. Mpumalanga provincial office – 3382 High Rise, Standard Bank Building, Samora Machel Drive, Nelspruit.
5. Free State provincial office – Corner of Charlotte Maxeke & West Burger Street, Allied Building, 2nd Floor, Bloemfontein.
6. Western Cape provincial office – 1st Floor, 33 Church Street Chambers, Cape Town.
7. Northern Cape provincial office – Metropolitan Building, 37 Chapel Street, Kimberley.
8. KZN provincial office – Aquasky Building, 275 Anton Lembede Street, Durban CBD.

The total cost per annum that is being paid by the department on the leases is R15.6 million per annum. The amount includes both rental amount and municipal rates and taxes (approximately R1.2 million) and rental amount for 2022/23 FY at R14.4 million.

(b) The leasing of properties is not posing any security risk to the Republic both physically and financially. The rates used for rental are within the National Treasury allowable rates.

Furthermore, the DMV headquarters are guarded by Defence Force members and the security at the headquarters is safe and stable

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T.R. Modise', is positioned above the printed name.

(T.R. MODISE)

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP