

MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS



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Mr M G P Lekota (COPE) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What progress has been made regarding the implementation of the undertaking made by the President, Mr M C Ramaphosa, during the 2022 State of the Nation Address (SONA), which he reiterated in his 2023 SONA, that the Welisizwe Rural Bridges Programme that is being implemented by the SA National Defence Force's (SANDF) will be upscaled to deliver 95 bridges a year to enable school children who have to brace flooded rivers to get to school without the danger of drowning?

REPLY:

In KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Province, ten (10) bridges have been completed and twelve (12) bridges estimated for completion by 31 January 2024. The bridge site preparations and earthworks per Province is as follows: Eastern Cape (4), Free State (3), North West (4), Mpumalanga (4) and Limpopo (4).



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