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Mr. S J F Marais (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

Considering that the Chief of the SA Reserve Force is appointed on the recommendation by the Chief of the SA National Defence Force (CSANDF), whose term of office correlates with that of the CSANDF, what (a) are the reasons the immediate former Chief of SA Reserve Force was appointed only for a year, (b) were the costs related to his elapsed term of office, (c) was his contribution and guidance to the Reserve Force Indaba policy with regard to the future of the Reserve Force and, (d) are the reasons that this was considered value for money in view of the budget constraints of the SA National Defence Force?

REPLY:

The Chief of the South African National Defence Force (C SANDF) appointed Major General S. Marumo (Ret) as the Chief Defence Reserves (CDR) from 1 September 2022 with the intention that he would serve for the duration of the tenure of C SANDF. After the first twelve months of service Maj Gen Marumo however requested to be relieved of his service with effect of 31 August 2023 due to personal reasons.

Maj Gen Marumo was called up for 12 days per month, as Chief Defence Reserves is only required to attend the monthly command meetings in the SANDF.

Maj Gen Marumo provided constant guidance during his time of service regarding the status and future of the Reserves and his input regarding the Reserve Force Indaba II was confirmed at the Annual Strategic Planning session which was held in April 2023. The focus being to rejuvenate the Reserves and to lobby for the removal of the reduction of 25%, in the man-days allocation to the Reserves.

Maj Gen Marumo provided the required guidance as would be expected from a Chief Defence Reserves.



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