

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS**



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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP**

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**Mr M S Bond (DA) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:**

Whether she will furnish Mr M S Bond with a (a) list and (b) full description of all events planned by her department to take place before 29 May 2024 in celebration of the 30 years of democracy in the Republic, including the (i) projected total cost or expenditure of each event and (ii) breakdown thereof in terms of expenditure for (aa) catering, (bb) entertainment, (cc) venue hire, (dd) transport and (ee) accommodation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**REPLY:**

A decision was taken by the Military Command Council that there will be no Department of Defence/South African National Defence Force (SANDF) specific event related to the 30 years of the defence force in a democracy celebrations in the Republic before 29 May 2024.

The SANDF, will however, be part of the broader national government's celebrations that will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The SANDF will form part of the day's program through the normal participation – a military parade at the Union Building, on the day.

April 27<sup>th</sup> is annually planned for in the calendar of the DoD for the participation of the SANDF on "Freedom Day".

**MS T.R. MODISE**

**MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP**