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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
Fourth Term
[January to November 2005]

1. COMMITTEE: PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

- 2. CHAIRPERSON:**
- a. Prof K Asmal, MP
Period from 25 June 2004 to 30 September 2005
 - b. Ms TV Tobias, MP
Period from 17 October 2005 to Present

3. VISION: to be a parliamentary committee with a high level of expertise, dedication and resources to effectively oversee a DoD that should have the appropriate level of capacity, morale and state of readiness to defend and protect South Africa's territorial integrity and its people in accordance with the Constitution.

4. MISSION: to ensure that the DoD provides, manages, prepares and employs defence capabilities commensurate with the needs of SA, as regulated by legislation and parliamentary and executive direction.

5. OBJECTIVES:

- a. To scrutinise legislation that supports the mission statement,
- b. To oversee;
 - i. implementation of legislation,
 - ii. budget and functioning of the DoD,
 - iii. employment of the SANDF
- c. To ensure that the SANDF's morale and readiness remains at a high level,
- d. To make recommendations on policy formulation,
- e. To enhance public participation,
- f. To investigate and make recommendations on issues or actions that are not in line with the mission statement.

6. List of Departments/Entities overseen by Committee:

- a. Department of Defence (DoD)
- b. Armaments Corporation of South Africa (Armscor)
- c. National Conventional Arms Control Committee (NCACC)
- d. Castle Board

7. SUPPORT:

- a. **Control Committee Secretary:** Mr B Kali
Period from: 25 June 2004 to Present
- b. **Committee Secretary:** Mr G Campher
Period from: 25 June 2004 to Present
- c. **Committee Assistants:** Ms N Jackson
Period from: 25 June 2004 to 30 October 2005
Mr ET Lourens: 25 June 2004 to Present
- d. **Secretary to Chairperson:** Ms G Osman
Period from: June 2005 to 30 September 2005
Mr G Saffodien (acting)
Period from: 17 October 2005 to Present

8. NUMBER OF MEETINGS

Normal Meetings	: 30
Unusual Meetings	: 6
Closed Meetings	: 2
Total	: 38

9. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

Member name and Party	Appointment Date	Discharge Date
* indicates alternate		
African National Congress (10)		
Booi, Mr MS	23.06.04	
Diali, Mr L N	23.06.04	
Koornhof, Dr GW	23.06.04	
Mngomezulu, Mr GP	23.06.04	
Monareng, Mr OE	23.06.04	
Ntuli, Mr SB	23.06.04	

Phungula, Mr JP	23.06.04	
Schippers, Mr J	07.11.05	
Tobias, Ms TV	13.10.05	
Van Wyk, Ms A	07.11.05	
Fihla, Mr NB (alternative)	23.06.04	
Johnson, Ms CB (alternative)	07.11.05	
Moatshe, Mr MS (alternative)	23.06.04	
Dodovu, Mr TS	23.06.04	07.11.05
Makasi, Ms XC	23.06.04	07.11.05
Asmal, Prof K	23.06.04	07.11.05
Dlali, Mr D M (alternative)	23.06.04	07.11.05
Huang, Mr S (alternative)	23.06.04	07.11.05
Democratic Alliance (2)		
Sayedali-Shah, Moulana MR	23.06.04	
Schmidt, Adv HC	23.06.04	
Inkatha Freedom Party (1)		
Mncwango, Mr MA *	23.06.04	
Ndlovu, Mr VB	23.06.04	
Independent Democrats (1)		
Burgess, Mr C V	23.06.04	

New National Party (1)		
Johnson, Ms C	23.06.04	March 2005
Freedom Front Plus (1)		
Groenewald, Mr P J	23.06.04	
Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (1)		
Pheko, Dr MS *	23.06.04	
* United Democratic Movement		
* Madikiza, Mr GT	23.06.04	
* African Christian Democratic Party		
* Madasa, Adv ZL	23.06.04	
* Minority Front		
* Rajbally, Ms S	23.06.04	

4. DELIBERATIONS

Legislation dealt with

Bill No.	Short title	Date Introduced	Public Hearing	Finalization of Bill	Meetings	Assent
B15-2005	<i>Defence Special Account Amendment Bill</i>	19 May 05				4 October 05 Act No 18 of 2005
Draft B42-2005	<i>The Prohibition of Mercenary Activity and Prohibition and Regulation of Certain Activities in an Area of Armed Conflict Bill</i>	7 November 05	Not Yet		1	
B14-2005	<i>Armaments Corporation of South Africa, Limited Amendment Bill</i>					8 November 05 Act No 16 of 2005

4.2 Other matters dealt with

Papers, Treaties, Agreements, etc.	Referral Date	Report Publication (ATC Date)	Action to be taken	Date Discussed	Estimated hrs
The President submitted a letter informing Parliament of the Deployment of SANDF soldiers in Sudan	10 January 2005	27 January 2005			
Report and Financial Statements of Vote 22- Department of Defence for 2003-2004, including the Report of the Auditor-General on the Financial Statements of Vote 22-Defence for 2003-2004 (RP137-2004)		27 January 2005			

South African Export Statistics for Conventional Arms for 2003		27 January 2005			
United Nations Optional Protocol to the Convention on the rights of the children on the Involvement of children in Armed Conflict	15 February 2005	28 February 2005			
The President submitted a letter informing Parliament of the Deployment of SANDF soldiers in the DRC	29 August 2004	27 January 2005			
Southern African Development Community (SADC) Mutual Defence Pact ("the Pact")	27 January 2005	5 April 2005		28 February 2005	
Strategic Plan of the Department of Defence for 2005-6 to 2007-8		11 April 2005			
The President submitted a letter informing Parliament of the Deployment of SANDF soldiers in Botswana	27 January 2005	3 June 2005			
The President submitted a letter informing Parliament of the Deployment of SANDF soldiers in Cote D'Ivoire	12 July 2005	22 July 2005			
Report on Financial Statements of the Armaments Corporation of South Africa Ltd (ARMSCOR) for 2004-2005, including the Report of the Independent Auditors on the Financial Statements for 2004-2005		24 August 2005			
The President submitted a letter informing Parliament of the Deployment of SANDF soldiers in the DRC	20 September 2005	5 October 2005			

4.3 Other briefings / meetings dealt with

Date	Subject	Est. hrs
Mon, 17 Jan	Adoption of Committee reports; 1. 2004 Annual report, 2. 2005 Annual programme 3. oversight visit to De Aar (97 Ammunition depot) and Bloemfontein (Tempe military base, Bloemfontein Air Force base and Army Support base)	2
Tues, 01Feb	Discussion and adoption of Swartklip Products oversight report	0,5
	Preliminary discussion of Military Academy oversight report	0,5
	Briefing on budget of Department of Defence, 2005/06	2
Tues, 08 Feb	Briefing: Update on the phasing out of the Commandos and withdrawal of support to the South African Police Service	2
	Briefing: Quarterly report of the Human Resources Development of the Department of Defence	2
Fri, 11 Feb	Speech: State of the Nation by President TM Mbeki - Opening of Parliament	2
Mon, 14 to Wed, 16	Debate: State of the Nation address - in the National Assembly	9
Tues, 15 Feb	Briefing: South African Development Community (SADC) Mutual Defence Pact (The Committee recommended ratification)	1,5
	Briefing: United Nations (UN) Protocol on the Convention on Children in areas of conflict (The Committee recommended ratification)	1

Wed, 16 Feb	Progress report: Update of the White Paper on Defence and Defence Review - by Department of Defence and Prof Cawthra (University of the Witwatersrand)	2
	Discussion and Adoption of Military Academy oversight report	1
Tues, 22 Feb	Discussion with Lt Gen (ret) R Dallaire - Topic: Peacekeeping in Africa – Threats and opportunities	2
Mon, 28 Feb	Briefing: Employment of the South African National Defence Force on Peace Support missions	2
Tues, 08 Mar	Discussion with CHEM (French Defence College) - discussion with senior French military officers	1
	Briefing: Department of Defence's budget 2005/06	4
Wed, 09 Mar	Discussion: South Africa's role in Africa - Dr A Adebajo (Centre for Conflict Resolution) and Dr C Landsberg (Centre for Policy Studies) - Jointly with Portfolio Committee on Foreign Affairs	2
Tues, 15 Mar	Briefing: Department of Defence's Strategic Plan 2005/06	2
	Briefing: South African National Defence Force reserves -written submissions of public on the Reserves were tabled, -no oral submissions were entertained.	2
Wed, 16 Mar	Briefing: Control of Small Arms proliferation -By Department of Defence and International Committee of the Red Cross	2
	Briefing: Military Ombud for the South African National Defence Force -by Prof H Corder (Dean, Law Department – University of Cape Town)	2
Tues, 05 Apr	Briefing: Department of Defence's Land use -by Department of Defence and Department of Land	2

	Briefing: Department of Defence's Land and Property - by Department of Defence's Department of Public Works	2
Fri, 08 Apr	Discussion with Military Academy students - by Prof K Asmal	0,5
	Debate: Budget 2005/06 of the Department of Defence - in National Assembly	3
Tues, 12 Apr	Briefing: Quarterly report of the Human Resources Development of the Department of Defence	2
Thurs, 21 Apr	Discussion: South African National Defence College - Executive National Security Programme inputs by Mers MS Booie and OE Monareng	1
Tues, 17 May	Armaments Corporation of South Africa, Limited Amendment bill Special Defence Account Amendment bill Military Ombud bill (draft)	3
Tues, 07 June	Briefing: Civic Education Evaluation Advisory Board	2
Tues, 14 June	Armaments Corporation of South Africa, Limited Amendment bill Finalisation: Special Defence Account Amendment bill Briefing: White Paper on Defence & Defence Review	3
Tues, 21 June	Finalisation: Armaments Corporation of South Africa, Limited Amendment bill	1
Tues, 02 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of Activities of the NCACC 2. DoD Implementation of Portfolio Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Oversight visit to De Aar Ammunition depot b) Oversight visit to Tempe Military Base c) Oversight visit to Bloemspruit Air Force Base 	3h

Wed, 3 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adoption of PC Defence Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Strategic Plan of the Department of Defence b) Budget of the Department of Defence c) Human Resource Plan 2010 	15min
Wed, 10 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary Discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Committee's Budget & Strategic Plan - 2006/07 	1h
Tue, 16 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefing: Combat-readiness of the SANDF (closed) 	4h
Wed, 17 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Annual Report of the Department of Defence 5. Briefing: State of progress of amending Department of Defence Legislation Including: a) Geneva Convention b) Military Ombud 	2h
Tues, 23 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on Defence Secretariat 2. Restructuring of the Department of Defence 	4h
Tues, 30 Aug	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion on Prof Cawthra's Workshop 2. Annual Report (2004) Civic-Education Evaluation Advisory Board (CEEAB) 	3h
Tues, 6 Sept	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress Report: Land claims and the SANDF 	1h
Tues, 13 Sept	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SANDF Reserves <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Progress report from the Department of Defence b) Briefing: Reserve Force Council 2. Quarterly Report Human Resource Development - Department of Defence including Exit formula 	4h
Wed, 14 Sept	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Courtesy visit of Kuwaiti Parliamentary delegation 2. Disposal of excess material, including ammunition 	2h
Tues, 11 Oct	<p>Briefing in Pretoria SANDF deployment in DRC (by United Nations & Department of Defence)</p>	3h

Mon, 17 Oct	Election of Chairperson	15m
Tues, 18 Oct	Workshop by National Treasury Annual report on Annual report of DoD	
Wed, 19 Oct	Office of Auditor-General Audit perspectives on annual reports of Department of Defence and Armscor	4h
Fri, 21 Oct	Briefing by Armscor Annual report of Armscor	3h
Tues, 25 Oct	Discussion & Adoption of PC Committee Reports a) Oversight Visit – Military Bases (Thaba Tswane) b) Wallmannstahl – Fact-finding Visit (20 Aug) c) Wallmannstahl – Hearings (06 Sept)	3h
Fri, 4 Nov	Courtesy Visit Delegation of House of Deputies, Parliament (Czech Republic) -Committee on Foreign Affairs	2h
Tues, 8 Nov	Briefing by DoD Annual Report 2004/05	2h

APPEARANCES BEFORE COMMITTEE

Minister : 3

- (1- Minister of Water Affairs, 2 – Minister of Defence)

Government Officials: - 32**C.E.O.s of Statutory Bodies and Public Entities:**

Dr J Job

- Chairperson [Reserve Force Council]

Mr T Sexwale

- Chairperson [Council for the National Support of Defence]

Minister Sonjica

- Chairperson of NCACC

Any other;;

- Lt Gen Dallaire (ret) [Force Commander of UN Mission in Rwanda]

- Various organisations and individuals

TRAINING

Subject Matter	Costs	Date	Attendees	Venue	Days
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Workshop

Subject Matter	Costs	Date	Names of Attendants	Staff	Venue	Days
Annual Report of Departments	R0	Tues, 18 Oct	Tobias, Ms TV Booi, Mr MS Dodovu, Mr TS Ntuli, Mr SB Koornhof, Dr GW Monareng, Mr OE Phungula, Mr JP Shah, Mr MR Schipper, Mr J Diali, Mr LN Apologies Makasi, Ms XC Ndlovu, Mr VB Groenewald, Mr PJ	G Campher	V454, Parliament	2h
Annual Report of Armscor	R0	Wed, 19 Oct	Ntuli, Mr SB Koornhof, Dr GW Monareng, Mr OE Phungula, Mr JP Shah, Mr MR Schipper, Mr J Diali, Mr LN Apologies Tobias, Ms TV Mngomezulu, Mr GP	G Campher	S26, Parliament	2h

			Maksi, Ms XC Ndlovu, Mr VB Groenewald, Mr PJ			
Workshop on Defence and Security Oversight.	R46 272,00	09-10 September 2005	<u>ANC:</u> Booi, Mr MS Ntuli, Mr SB Monareng, Mr OE Mngomezulu, Mr GP Makasi, Ms XC Koornhof, Dr GW <u>IFP:</u> Ndlovu <u>DA:</u> Sayedali-Shah, Mr MR	Mr G Campher Ms N Jackson	Wits, Business School, Johannesburg	2

**OTHER MATTERS DEALT WITH
Public Hearings**

Subject	Date	Total Submissions	Hours
Wallmannstahl land claims	06 September	2 1. Wallmannstahl Community 2. Joint Submission (Dept of Land Affairs & Dept of Defence)	3

VISITS

National Visits

Period	Venue	Purpose of visit	Members	Staff	Date Report Tabled	Costs
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Period	Venue	Purpose of visit	Members	Staff	Date Report Tabled	Costs
14 April	Saldanha	Military Academy			31 May 05	
24 Aug	Walmanstahl	Land Claims	Ntuli, Mr Monareng, Mr OE Ndlovu, Mr	None		
24 Aug	Walmannstahl	On-site investigation on Wahlmannstahl claims	<u>ANC</u> Ntuli, Mr SB Monareng, Mr O <u>IFP</u> Ndlovu, Mr VB	Mr G Campher		R14 600,00
18-19 Aug	SANDF Military Bases and Defence Industry ATE	Ascertain the physical condition of military facilities and how it impacts on the military preparedness	<u>ANC:</u> Booi, Mr MS Dodovu, Mr TS Ntuli, Mr SB Koornhof, Dr GW Makasi, Ms XC Mongomezulu, Mr G <u>DA:</u> Sayedali-Shah, Mr MR <u>IFP:</u> Ndlovu, Mr VB	Mr G Campher Ms M van Niekerk	25 Oct	R52 480,00

(b) International Visits

Period	Purpose of visit	Names of Members	Staff	Date Report Tabled	Costs
20-21 September	Assembly of Western European Union (Inter-parliamentary European Security and Defence	<u>ANC</u> Koornhof, Dr GW	None		Costs borne by Parliament, not the Portfolio

	Assembly) conference on "Peacekeeping in Sub-Saharan Africa"				Committee on Defence
12-14 Oct 05	Oversight Visit DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo)	Booi, Mr MS Ntuli, Mr SB Monareng, Mr OE Mngomezulu, Mr GP Makasi, Ms XC Dodovu, Mr TS Koornhof, Dr GW Moseki, Mr AL Shah, Mr MR Ndlovu, Mr VB		08 Nov	R95 578,20

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES/INTERACTION WITH INSTITUTIONS

Subject Matter	Organisation	Date
Round Table discussion	Lt Gen Dallaire (ret) Former Force Commander of the UN Mission in Rwanda, during the genocide.	Tues, 22 Feb
Reception	For the former and present Chiefs of the SANDF	Tues, 16 Aug

SPONSORSHIP

Donor	Purpose	Date	PO's Approval Date	Amount
Department of Defence	Airlift to DRC, to visit SANDF Peacekeepers	12-14 Oct	07 Oct	Not specified

REVIEW OF WORK**RECOMMENDATION**

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