


# MINISTER MAKES REFERENCE TO RESERVES DURING THE ARMED FORCES DAY PARADE

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, the Honourable Ms Nosiviwe Noluthando Mapisa-Nqakula, made reference to the Reserves in her speech during the Armed Forces Parade in Pretoria on 22 February 2013.

Here follows an extract from her speech:



*"Our Reserves are an integral part of the South African National Defence Force and provide the expansion capability in the case of an emergency or a state of national defence. We are very proud that the members of the Reserve Force, who have other life commitments outside the Defence Force, continue to make a significant contribution to both internal and external operations of the South African National Defence Force.*

*I must also report that the University Reserve Training Program (URTP) which allows selected students to undergo officers training during university holidays has been a great success. It is programs like these that I want the Defence Force to strengthen as they bring the scarce skills required in the Defence Force.*