



### **MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS REFERS TO THE RESERVES IN PARLIAMENT**

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon Nosiviwe Mapisa- Nqakula, referred to the Reserves as follows during the Defence Budget Vote in Parliament on 18 May 2018:

“I would also like to thank the 15 000 Reserve Force members who voluntarily served in the past financial year. The new Reserve Force Regulations were gazetted on 22 June 2017. I wish to assure you that deficiencies and corruption in the current Reserve Force System are being addressed and I have directed that the whole Reserve Force System must be overhauled. I expect the Reserve Force Council to make inputs in this regard.”

Talking about Project Koba-Tlala, the Minister again mentioned the Reserves:

”Koba-Tlala is aligned with the country’s developmental agenda, particularly within the agriculture sector. This project is focused on boosting small-scale and emerging farmers and SMMEs as part of the value-chain. This initiative should have a footprint in all rural provinces. We intend to provide greater job prospects for the youth as well as the re-skilling and education of our Reserve members.”