



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS
Republic of South Africa

MEDIA ADVISORY

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SUBJECT: MINISTER MAPISA-NQAKULA OPENS DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE

COMMISSION OFFICE

The Minister of Defence and Military Veterans, Hon. Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula, MP, will officially open the Defence Force Service Commission satellite office at SAS Wingfield, Goodwood.

The Defence Force Service Commission (DFSC) was established in 2009. The mandate of the Commission is to, among others, conduct research and make recommendations for improvement regarding remuneration and the conditions of service of members of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF).

“The official opening of the satellite office in Cape Town is undoubtedly a step in the right direction and will be of great assistance to the work of the Commission, especially when one considers the mammoth task before them,” said Minister Mapisa-Nqakula.

Besides conducting assessments of military bases in and around the country, the Commission occasionally travels abroad to visit SANDF soldiers deployed in peacekeeping missions.

The various visits have enabled the Commission to gain insight into the unique issues affecting SANDF members and provide us with informed advice on how best we can endeavour to address such matters efficiently, the Minister further added.

Since its establishment in 2009, the DFSC has embarked on a number of benchmarking visits to other countries to study their conditions of service.

Some of the highest-ranking officers in the defence force will be present to lend their support to the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date: 20 June 2017

Time: 09:00 for 09:30

Venue: DFSC Satellite Office, SAS Wingfield Military Base, c/o Voortrekker and Jakes Gerwel Drive, Goodwood

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