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MEDIA STATEMENT

NATIONAL TREASURY RESPONDS TO ALLEGATIONS OF NO FUNDING FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE'S OPERATION PROSPER

National Treasury has noted an article published by News24 on 14 August which states that Major-General Thulare told Members of Parliament that no funding has been released for Operation Prosper thus far.

This is not correct. On 06 August 2026, the Minister of Finance approved the release of funding for Operation Prosper in terms of section 6(1)(c) of the Appropriation Act. This provision was the best available mechanism to ensure the earliest release of funds given the timing of the announcement. The Act was assented to on 16 July 2026, which provided the Minister of Finance the legal authority to release the funds.

News24 sent a media query to National Treasury regarding the issue, which was responded to on Friday 14 August 2026. National Treasury is particularly concerned that News24 did not capture its detailed response in the article. This would have afforded National Treasury the opportunity to place on record that funding had been released contrary to the statements made by Major-General Thulare and in line with the relevant legal prescriptions.

Furthermore, the National Treasury has twice written to the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) offering support in dealing with their broader funding challenges but has yet to receive a response.

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