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THE Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, refused to supply any figures relating to the numbers of people who failed to report for military service in February and August 1990 yesterday.

In a written reply to a question from General

Bob Rogers (DP, Walmer), he referred him to a reply given in the House during 1988.

"As the particulars which were supplied in the past were abused by a certain organisation which campaigns for the discontinuation of military service, I am not prepared to furnish the figures."

General Rogers had wanted to know how many persons had failed to report for military service in February 1990 and August 1990 and how many had failed to report

for citizen force camps and commando duty in 1990.

In another written reply, the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Mr Kobie Coetsee, said nobody was serving a sentence of imprisonment on February 19, 1991, for refusing to serve in the South African Defence Force.

He was replying to a question from Mr Lester. Fuchs (DP, Hillbrow).

Objectors to help public

PERSONS refusing to serve in the South African Defence Force could do community service, the Deputy Minister of Defence, Mr Wynand Breytenbach, said yesterday.

He was replying to a question by Mr Lester Fuchs (DP Hillbrow).

On a supplementary question by Mr Robin Carlisle (DP Wynberg), he said the question of any change to the National Service system would be discussed at the negotiation table. However, in the interim it would remain as it was.

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