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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1988

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**1988. Ms H O Hlophe (EFF) to ask Minister of Home Affairs:**

What is the total number of Chinese nationals who currently reside in the country? NW2203E

**REPLY:**

According to available information it is concluded that 51,177 Chinese nationals hold residency status in the RSA. This is because since 2009, the Department has received a total of 69,139 applications from Chinese nationals seeking either temporary or permanent residency status in the Republic. The stated number is extracted from the *Track and Trace* system which commenced in August 2009,as well as the *Visa Adjudication System (VAS)* which was introduced in June 2014 and remains currently operational.

The applications comprise:

1. Temporary Residence Visas: 57, 718
   1. Approved: | 44,808
   2. Rejected: | 6,574
   3. Still under consideration | 6,336
2. Permanent Residence Visas: 11,421

a. Approved: | 6,369

b. Rejected: | 2,195

c. Still under consideration | 2,857