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**WRITTEN REPLY**

**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO 3189**

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**Mr G G Hill - Lewis (DA) to ask the Minister of Economic Development:**

Since the initiation of the Price Preference System for scrap metal in September 2013, how many export permits have been (a) applied for, (b) denied as a result of a local buyer having been found and (c) approved? NW3787E

**REPLY**

A total of 11 224 applications were received between September 2013 and June 2015. Of these,

* 10 571 were approved
* 374 are pending or have been withdrawn (in part because a local buyer has been found or the application does not meet the requirements for an export licence) and
* 279 have been declined.

These figures exclude any successful voluntary negotiations between sellers and local industry, made in anticipation of the conditions applicable through the Price Preference System.

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