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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**12. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(a) What is the current total number of documented asylum seekers in the Republic and (b) from which countries are they? NW960E

**REPLY:**

1. The total number of active asylum seekers (section 22 permit valid) as at 31 December 2018 is **184 976.**

1. They are from the following countries:

| **Countries** | **Total** |
| --- | --- |
| Ethiopia | 50135 |
| DRC | 34754 |
| Bangladesh | 27243 |
| Zimbabwe | 14861 |
| Pakistan | 9383 |
| Congo | 8626 |
| Nigeria | 6781 |
| Burundi | 6425 |
| Uganda | 4461 |
| India | 4267 |
| Somalia | 4152 |
| Malawi | 2175 |
| Ghana | 2032 |
| Cameroon | 1767 |
| Kenya | 1081 |
| Rwanda | 1015 |
| Eritrea | 978 |
| Senegal | 899 |
| Niger | 818 |
| Mozambique | 648 |
| Tanzania | 605 |
| Zambia | 264 |
| Egypt | 227 |
| Ivory Coast | 183 |
| Algeria | 167 |
| China | 126 |
| Mali | 120 |
| Nepal | 88 |
| Liberia | 70 |
| Sudan | 57 |
| Benin | 55 |
| Lesotho | 53 |
| Guinea | 52 |
| Burkina Faso | 44 |
| Thailand | 31 |
| Togo | 30 |
| Syria | 25 |
| Comoros | 23 |
| Swaziland | 17 |
| Gabon | 16 |
| Afghanistan | 16 |
| Sierra Leone | 15 |
| Yemen | 14 |
| Bahamas | 14 |
| Sri Lanka | 13 |
| Palestine | 12 |
| Gambia | 11 |
| Guinea Bissau | 10 |
| Morocco | 9 |
| East Timor | 8 |
| Estonia | 8 |
| Angola | 7 |
| Iraq | 6 |
| Chad | 6 |
| Central African Republic | 6 |
| Jordan | 6 |
| Bahrain | 5 |
| Turkey | 5 |
| Ukraine | 4 |
| Botswana | 3 |
| Hungary | 3 |
| Mauritania | 3 |
| Other | 3 |
| Libya | 3 |
| Denmark | 2 |
| Jamaica | 2 |
| Madagascar | 2 |
| Malaysia | 2 |
| Venezuela | 2 |
| Mauritius | 2 |
| Iran | 2 |
| Solomon Islands | 2 |
| Paraguay | 1 |
| New Zealand | 1 |
| Namibia | 1 |
| Suriname | 1 |
| Azerbaijan | 1 |
| Colombia | 1 |
| Wallis and Futuna | 1 |
| Kyrgyzstan | 1 |
| Uruguay | 1 |
| Myanmar (Burma) | 1 |
| Bosnia | 1 |
| Ireland | 1 |
| Haiti | 1 |
| Russia | 1 |
| Barbados | 1 |
| Lebanon | 1 |
| **Grand Total** | **184976** |

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