**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1253. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

((1) With regard to his statement that many who are within the borders of the Republic do not qualify for asylum and/or refugee status, but have sought to abuse systems in the Republic, what total number of persons were granted permanent refugee and/or asylum status in the Republic in the past decade;

(2) whether he will furnish Ms L L van der Merwe with a breakdown of the countries of origin of the specified persons; if not, why not; if so, on what date;

(3) whether he will motivate for a change in government policy that will allow for refugee encampment and/or processing at points of entry in keeping with international best practices; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) what total number of illegal foreign nationals were (a) identified and arrested and (b) deported to their countries of origin in the past decade;

(5) whether he will furnish Ms L L van der Merwe with a list of the countries of origin of the specified persons; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?NW1509E

**Reply**:

1. a) Granted Asylum status per year

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| Year | Total |
| 2012 | 6226 |
| 2013 | 7286 |
| 2014 | 9230 |
| 2015 | 2499 |
| 2016 | 3157 |
| 2017 | 2267 |
| 2018 | 1594 |
| 2019 | 1834 |
| 2020 | 2020 |
| 2021 | 184 |

1 b) Certification as a Refugee Indefinitely Granted per year at SCRA

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| Year | Total |
| 2012 | NOT AVAILABLE |
| 2013 | 94 |
| 2014 | 948 |
| 2015 | 684 |
| 2016 | 510 |
| 2017 | 1082 |
| 2018 | 1463 |
| 2019 | 2459 |
| 2020 | 578 |
| 2021 | 606 |
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1. The Department currently have asylum applications from the below mentioned countries

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| Afghanistan | Colombia | Haiti | Mali | Senegal | USA |
| Algeria | Comoros | Hungary | Mauritania | Serbia | Venezuela |
| Angola | Congo | India | Mauritius | Sierra Leone | Wallis and Futuna |
| Australia | Croatia | Iran | Morocco | Slovenia | Yemen |
| Bahamas | Denmark | Iraq | Mozambique | Solomon Islands | Zambia |
| Bahrain | Djibouti | Ireland | Namibia | Somalia | Zimbabwe |
| Bangladesh | DRC | Ivory Coast | Nepal | Sri Lanka |  |
| Barbados | East Timor | Jamaica | Netherlands | Sudan |  |
| Belarus | Ecuador | Jordan | Niger | Suriname |  |
| Benin | Egypt | Kazakhstan | Nigeria | Swaziland |  |
| Botswana | Eritrea | Kenya | Niue | Sweden |  |
| Bulgaria | Estonia | Kyrgyzstan | NULL | Syria |  |
| Burkina Faso | Ethiopia | Lebanon | Oman | Tanzania |  |
| Burundi | Gabon | Lesotho | Other | Thailand |  |
| Cambodia | Gambia | Liberia | Pakistan | Togo |  |
| Cameroon | Germany | Libya | Palestine | Turkey |  |
| Central African Republic | Ghana | Macau | Russia | Uganda |  |
| Chad | Guinea | Malawi | Rwanda | Ukraine |  |
| China | Guinea Bissau | Malaysia | Saint Kitts and Nevis | Uruguay |  |

1. The current government policy position on refugees remain non-encampment, any policy shift will be informed by necessary political discussions and structures. My role in those discussions is to provide input informed as politically deployed to the Home Affairs portfolio.
2. The number of persons identified, arrested and confirmed for deportation in terms of the Immigration Act 13 of 2002 are indicated in the attached statistics.
3. The list of the countries and total figures with respect to each country are captured in the attachment.

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