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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1374. Mr M Tshwaku (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What (a) steps has his department taken with regard to officials who have been found to be involved in the illegal issuing of passports and (b) corrective measures have been put in place to curb such acts? What (a) steps has his department taken with regard to officials who have been found to be involved in the illegal issuing of passports and (b) corrective measures have been put in place to curb such acts?

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**Reply:**

1. Disciplinary action is instituted against officials who are found to be involved in the illegal issuing of passports in accordance with the Disciplinary Code and Procedure for the Public Service (PSCBC Resolution 1 of 2003);
2. Passport processes are evaluated regularly to identify possible vulnerabilities to fraud, corruption and security breaches, and recommendations are made to affected business units for implementation. Passports that are found to be issued illegally are referred for cancellation.

**END**