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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1382. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(a)What are the reasons for naturalised citizens being prevented from applying for new Smart ID cards at this stage, (b) what plans are in place to allow naturalised citizens to apply for the specified cards in the future and (c) by what date does he envisage that naturalised citizens will be allowed to apply for the specified cards? NW1530E

**REPLY:**

(a-b) The naturalised citizens will be allowed to apply for the new Smart ID cards on completion of the National Identification System which would enable the online validation of the naturalisation certificates. Currently the certificates are validated manually.

(c) The date to allow naturalised citizens to apply for Smart ID Cards will be determined once the National Identification System is implemented.