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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1393

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**1393. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What (a) number of citizens from (i) China, (ii) India, (iii) Bangladesh, (iv) Somalia, (v) Nigeria, (vi) Cameroon, (vii) the Democratic Republic of Congo and (viii) Ethiopia hold a valid visa and (b) type of visa do the citizens of each specified country hold?

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**REPLY:**

(a - b) The number and types of visas issued to citizens from the mentioned countries are listed on the table below. This data is for the period 01 January 2018 to the 30th of September 2019.

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| **Country – Category** | **2018** | **2019** | **Total** |
| **Nigeria** | **8010** | **4131** | **12141** |
| Visitors | 5840 | 3100 | 8940 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 1511 | 698 | 2209 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 251 | 127 | 378 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 180 | 22 | 202 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 157 | 103 | 260 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 55 | 75 | 130 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Exchange Visa Section 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| **India** | **6375** | **4195** | **10570** |
| Visitors | 4565 | 3212 | 7777 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 699 | 358 | 1057 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 705 | 412 | 1117 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 160 | 8 | 168 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 142 | 87 | 229 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) | 73 | 85 | 158 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 31 | 33 | 64 |
| **Country – Category** | **2018** | **2019** | **Grand Total** |
| **Bangladesh** | **3067** | **2139** | **5206** |
| Visitors | 2605 | 2083 | 4688 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 379 | 13 | 392 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 65 | 30 | 95 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 8 | 5 | 13 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 8 | 6 | 14 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) |   | 1 | 1 |
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| **Congo Dem. Rep. of the** | **2320** | **1265** | **3585** |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 1208 | 468 | 1676 |
| Visitors | 600 | 464 | 1064 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 224 | 90 | 314 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 242 | 219 | 461 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 31 | 20 | 51 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 14 | 4 | 28 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) | 1 |   | 1 |
| **China** | **2145** | **1405** | **3550** |
| Visitors | 1301 | 1165 | 2466 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 533 | 52 | 585 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 228 | 91 | 319 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 24 | 16 | 40 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 12 | 56 | 58 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) | 33 | 21 | 54 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 12 | 3 | 15 |
| Exchange Visa Section 22 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Visitors(CAU) | 1 |   | 1 |
| **Cameroon** | **922** | **480** | **1402** |
| Visitors | 420 | 270 | 690 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 329 | 127 | 456 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 120 | 48 | 168 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 23 | 26 | 49 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 10 | 2 | 12 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 17 | 6 | 13 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| **Ethiopia** | **673** | **356** | **1029** |
| Visitors | 493 | 281 | 774 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 108 | 44 | 152 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 34 | 5 | 39 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 21 | 19 | 40 |
| General Work Visa Section 19(2) | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Work Visa Section 19(5) | 1 |   | 1 |
| **Country – Category** | **2018** | **2019** | **Grand Total** |
| **Somalia** | **36** | **22** | **58** |
| Visitors | 16 | 14 | 30 |
| Medical Treatment Section 17 | 9 | 5 | 14 |
| Study Visa Section 13 | 7 | 2 | 9 |
| Critical Skills Visa Section 19(4) | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Retired Person Visa Section 20 | 3 |   | 3 |

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