

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1446

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**1446. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) Whether any South African citizens have lost their South African citizenship in the (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16 and (c) 2016-17 financial years; if so, (i) what number of citizens and (ii) what were the reasons in each case;

(2) (a) on which statutory grounds can citizenship be terminated and (b) which criteria have to be fulfilled?

**REPLY:**

1. Yes. South African citizens who have lost South African citizenship during the past identified years are as follows:

(a)(i-ii) 2014 – 15: 2505 formally through renunciation

(b)(i-ii) 2015 – 16: 173 formally through renunciation

(c)(i-ii) 2016 – 17: 188 formally through renunciation

(2)(a) Citizenship can be terminated in terms of Section 8 of the South African Citizenship Act, Act no. 88 of 1995 which deals with deprivation of citizenship.

(2)(b) The Honourable Member is referred to section 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1995 which provides for the circumstances under which a person may cease to be a citizen