**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1476**

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**1476.** **Mr I S Seitlholo (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) Whether his department has concluded any work exchange and/or employment agreements with any entity of the Republic of Cuba from the 2010-11 financial year up to the 2020-21 financial year; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what (a) total number of Cuban nationals (i) have been employed in each of the specified financial years and/or (ii) are due to be employed in the 2021-23 Medium-Term Expenditure Framework period, (b) are the details of the work that each of the specified Cuban nationals was and/or will be employed to perform, (c) are the details of the specific skills sets that each of the specified Cuban nationals possessed and/or will possess that South African nationals did or will not possess and (d) are the details of the total cost of employing each of the specified Cuban nationals in each case;

(2) whether his department took any steps to ensure that the specific skills set of the specified Cuban nationals were and/or will not be available in the Republic amongst South African citizens; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of the (a) steps taken and (b) outcomes of the steps taken in this regard? NW1680E

**REPLY:**

1. The Department of Home Affairs has not signed any Work Exchange and/or Employment related Agreement with the Republic of Cuba at any time. As the skills required in this case was for the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation, the Department of Water and Sanitation is best placed to provide the required information.
2. The Department of Home Affairs has not employed any Cuban Nationals in any financial year.

(i-ii) The Department of Home Affairs has not taken any decision as yet to employ any Cuban national in the 2021-23 Medium Expenditure Framework period.

1. DHA has not yet develop any plans to recruit Cuban Nationals.
2. Not Applicable as per our answer (1) above.

**END**