**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1479**

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**1479. Mrs L F Tito (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What (a) number of court orders have been granted against his department in relation to (i) visa and (ii) permanent resident applications, (b) number of these court orders has his department not implemented and (c) are the reasons that the specified court orders have not been implemented? NW1850E

**REPLY:**

1. Visas and (ii) permanent resident applications

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| **Year** | **Visas** | **Permanent resident applications** |
| 2018 | 12 | 53 |
| 2019 | 6 | 257 |
| 2020 | 61 | 460 |
| **Total** | **79** | **770** |

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| **Year** | **Visas** | **Permanent resident applications** |
| 2018 | None  | None  |
| 2019 | None  | **23** of 257 (pending at various stages of adjudication) |
| 2020 | **18** of 59 (pending at various stages of adjudication) | **192** of 460 (pending at various stages of adjudication) |
| **Total** | **18** | **192** |

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The spousal and refugee categories of permanent residence applications require investigation on the existence of spousal relationships and the verification of the certification by the Standing committee, which takes some time to finalise. However, the adjudication team has resumed work during June 2020, and is adjudicating all outstanding applications whilst application offices of application (VFS Global) is still closed for new applications, save for collection of outcomes, under the Alert Level 3 of the national state of disaster. It is envisaged that by the end of August, all applications would have been finalised

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