

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1527

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**1527. MR J VOS (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(a) What is the total number of applications for (i) permanent residence, (ii) critical skills and (iii) general work permits were (aa) received and (bb) approved in the fourth quarter of the 2016-17 financial year and (b) how do the statistics compare to the past three financial years? NW1728E

**REPLY:**

The information is tabulated as follows:

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|  | **Category** | **Status** | 1. **2016/17**
 | 1. **2015/16**
 | 1. **2014/15**
 | 1. **2013/14**
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| (i)  | Permanent residence permits | (aa) Received | 1360 | 1667 | 2534 | 5954 |
| (bb) Approved | 720 | 1075 | 1158 | 4266 |
| (ii) | Critical skills permits | (aa) Received | 1472 | 1206 | 1194 | 2639 |
| (bb) Approved | 1030 | 783 | 716 | 1821 |
| (iii) | General work permits | (aa) Received | 402 | 463 | 2554 | 7470 |
| (bb) Approved | 313 | 162 | 1149 | 5372 |