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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1588

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**1588. MS L L Van Der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(a) What number of applications for asylum seekers were received (i) in the period 1 January 1994 to 31 December 2014 and (ii) since 1 January 2015 remain unprocessed and (b) what is the country of origin of each asylum seeker? NW2944E

**REPLY:**

1. (i) The Department only has statistics from 1998 as published in its reports and the totals are as below:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Total** |
| 1998 | 11135 |
| 1999 | 31592 |
| 2000 | 12226 |
| 2001 | 16325 |
| 2002 | 24187 |
| 2003 | 41741 |
| 2004 | 41369 |
| 2005 | 43289 |
| 2006 | 53361 |
| 2007 | 45637 |
| 2008 | 207206 |
| 2009 | 223324 |
| 2010 | 124336 |
| 2011 | 106904 |
| 2012 | 85058 |
| 2013 | 70010 |
| 2014 | 71914 |
| **Total** | **1 209 614** |

1. As at 30 September 2019 the total number of active and inactive cases for the periods indicated in (a) (i) above that remain unprocessed since 1 January 2015 is **812 472** (**117 991** active cases and **694 481** inactive cases.

**NB**: Active cases refer to clients who regularly visit the office in relation to their application and inactive cases refer to clients who no longer visit the office to finalise their application.

1. The breakdown per country of origin for (a) (i) and (ii) above is:

| **Country** | **Inactive** | **Active** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Afghanistan | 41 | 8 |
| Albania | 1 | 0 |
| Algeria | 462 | 98 |
| Angola | 1071 | 5 |
| Armenia | 1 | 0 |
| Australia | 10 | 0 |
| Azerbaijan | 5 | 0 |
| Bahamas | 11 | 12 |
| Bahrain | 1 | 1 |
| Bangladesh | 13480 | 15979 |
| Barbados | 2 | 0 |
| Belize | 2 | 0 |
| Benin | 207 | 26 |
| Bosnia | 3 | 0 |
| Botswana | 41 | 2 |
| Brazil | 1 | 0 |
| Brunei | 1 | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 24 | 0 |
| Burkina Faso | 50 | 39 |
| Burundi | 3021 | 3588 |
| Cambodia | 3 | 0 |
| Cameroon | 3119 | 1000 |
| Cape Verde | 1 | 0 |
| Central African Republic | 10 | 6 |
| Chad | 11 | 4 |
| Chile | 23 | 0 |
| China | 13528 | 61 |
| Colombia | 2 | 1 |
| Comoros | 29 | 14 |
| Congo | 8761 | 7680 |
| Croatia | 1 | 0 |
| Cuba | 2 | 0 |
| Czech Republic | 1 | 0 |
| Denmark | 1 | 1 |
| DRC | 16204 | 22630 |
| East Timor | 5 | 7 |
| Ecuadorian | 1 | 0 |
| Egypt | 2076 | 62 |
| Eritrea | 375 | 382 |
| Estonia | 7 | 5 |
| Ethiopia | 11704 | 33737 |
| Fiji | 1 | 0 |
| Gabon | 44 | 6 |
| Gambia | 26 | 3 |
| Germany | 1 | 0 |
| Ghana | 8085 | 989 |
| Guinea | 95 | 37 |
| Guinea Bissau | 29 | 8 |
| Guyana | 1 | 0 |
| Haiti | 3 | 1 |
| Ice Land | 18 | 1 |
| India | 8871 | 2460 |
| Indonesia | 8 | 0 |
| Iran | 8 | 1 |
| Iraq | 12 | 1 |
| Ireland | 1 | 1 |
| Israel | 5 | 0 |
| Italy | 2 | 0 |
| Ivory Coast | 175 | 140 |
| Jamaica | 2 | 0 |
| Jordan | 40 | 6 |
| Kenya | 2014 | 807 |
| Kiribati | 1 | 0 |
| Korea | 1 | 0 |
| Kuwaiti | 1 | 0 |
| Laos | 1 | 0 |
| Latvia | 1 | 0 |
| Lebanon | 3 | 0 |
| Lesotho | 6744 | 31 |
| Liberia | 114 | 49 |
| Libya | 7 | 0 |
| Macau | 23 | 0 |
| Macedonia | 1 | 0 |
| Madagascar | 17 | 0 |
| Malawi | 40933 | 1294 |
| Malaysia | 5 | 2 |
| Maldives | 1 | 0 |
| Mali | 228 | 95 |
| Mauritania | 4 | 0 |
| Mauritius | 8 | 2 |
| Mayotte | 1 | 0 |
| Mexico | 1 | 0 |
| Moldova | 2 | 0 |
| Monaco | 1 | 0 |
| Morocco | 38 | 4 |
| Mozambique | 12842 | 300 |
| Myanmar (Burma) | 3 | 0 |
| Namibia | 13 | 0 |
| Nepal | 36 | 18 |
| New Zealand | 1 | 0 |
| Nicaragua | 2 | 0 |
| Niger | 5506 | 716 |
| Nigeria | 18502 | 3759 |
| Niue | 6 | 1 |
| Pakistan | 11672 | 5208 |
| Palau | 1 | 0 |
| Palestine | 26 | 5 |
| Panama | 1 | 0 |
| Papua New Guinea | 1 | 0 |
| Philippines | 18 | 0 |
| Poland | 4 | 0 |
| Portugal | 2 | 0 |
| Principality of Andorra | 5 | 0 |
| Russia | 2 | 0 |
| Rwanda | 666 | 676 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 3 | 0 |
| Saint Lucia | 1 | 0 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1 | 0 |
| Senegal | 1163 | 433 |
| Serbia | 6 | 0 |
| Sierra Leone | 65 | 13 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 0 |
| Solomon Islands | 21 | 0 |
| Somalia | 9962 | 1587 |
| Sri Lanka | 109 | 11 |
| Sudan | 81 | 42 |
| Suriname | 1 | 1 |
| Swaziland | 196 | 10 |
| Syria | 8 | 1 |
| Tajikistan | 6 | 0 |
| Tanzania | 7740 | 422 |
| Thailand | 120 | 1 |
| Togo | 80 | 24 |
| Tonga | 1 | 0 |
| Trinidad and Tobago | 1 | 0 |
| Tunisia | 5 | 1 |
| Turkey | 7 | 1 |
| Uganda | 5993 | 3089 |
| Ukraine | 10 | 1 |
| USA | 5 | 1 |
| Uzbekistan | 2 | 0 |
| Vietnam | 2 | 0 |
| Wallis and Futuna | 1 | 0 |
| Yemen | 7 | 0 |
| Zambia | 2308 | 174 |
| Zimbabwe | 475390 | 10210 |
| **Total** | **694481** | **117991** |
| **Grand Total** | **812 472** | |

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