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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1591. Ms M Makesini (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs**

Considering his department’s operation in Sandton on 28 April 2023, in which officials raided restaurants in search of undocumented migrants, what (a) motivated the operation and (b) likely outcomes is his department hoping for?NW1852E

**REPLY:**

1. The department as part of its mandate to ensure all persons in South Africa are here on lawful basis regularly conducts business inspections and operations to ensure that businesses are not employing undocumented foreign nationals.
2. The department in conducting this operation, wanted to ensure that all employees were correctly documented and legally in South Africa. At this operation 5 restaurants were inspected and 15 undocumented persons were arrested including the employers who paid fines for employing undocumented persons.

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