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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 1630**

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**1630. Prof C T Msimang (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What total number of Zimbabwean (a) refugees and (b) asylum seekers fleeing their country for political reasons were issued with documentation to be in the Republic legally in (i) 2019 and (ii) 2020;

(2) (a) what total number of such applications were rejected and (b) for what reasons were they rejected? NW1837E

**REPLY:**

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| Year | Asylum Seeker | Refugee | Total |
| 2019 | 1746 | 52 | 1798 |
| 2020 | 210 | 4 | 214 |
|  Total | 1956 | 56 | 2012 |

1. (a) A total of 1561 have received a first instance rejection.

(b) The application form mostly states political grounds and atmosphere between ruling party and opposition parties. However, through interrogation and adjudication they concede on economic grounds, which do not exist under the 1951 UN Convention and the 1998 Refugee Act.

**END**