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**1634. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs**

With reference to tourism visa (a) applications and (b) repeat applications (i) in the past three financial years and (ii) from 1 April 2023 to date, (aa) what total number of applications were (aaa) received and/or (bbb) issued in each month, (bb) from which countries were applications received in each month and (cc) what is the average time taken between an application received and a visa being issued in each month? NW1875E

**REPLY:**

(a&b) Tourism visas applied for within the country are considered repeat applications as holders of such visas would ordinarily be extending a tourist visa already issued abroad. The visa volumes mentioned below are per calendar year (not financial year). They are as follows:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Application count** |
| **2020** | **4562** |
| **2021** | **11482** |
| **2022** | **14615** |

(aa) From 1 April 2023 to 11 May 2023, there were 1648 applications received. Applications finalised during the same period were 1545.

(bb) The table below shows from which countries were applications received. The data could not be separated per month.

**Tourist visas issued per country**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Country** | **Count of Sticker Number** |
| China | 198 |
| Pakistan | 197 |
| India | 143 |
| United States | 92 |
| Germany | 83 |
| Saudi Arabia | 78 |
| United Kingdom | 63 |
| Nigeria | 60 |
| Russian Federation | 53 |
| France | 48 |
| Netherlands | 39 |
| Turkey | 38 |
| Bangladesh | 36 |
| Thailand | 36 |
| Angola | 35 |
| Dem. Rep. of the Congo | 29 |
| Zimbabwe | 25 |
| Switzerland | 24 |
| Canada | 21 |
| Namibia | 17 |
| Israel | 17 |
| Brazil | 16 |
| Australia | 14 |
| Italy | 14 |
| Kenya | 13 |
| Belgium | 12 |
| Gabon | 11 |
| Republic of South Korea  | 11 |
| Egypt | 10 |
| Poland | 9 |
| Philippines | 9 |
| Hungary | 9 |
| Ireland | 9 |
| Mauritius | 9 |
| United Rep of Tanzania  | 8 |
| Sweden | 8 |
| Botswana | 8 |
| Spain | 7 |
| Zambia | 7 |
| Cameroon | 6 |
| Japan | 6 |
| Ghana | 6 |
| Malaysia | 6 |
| Uganda | 6 |
| New Zealand | 5 |
| Yemen | 5 |
| Jordan | 4 |
| Liberia | 4 |
| Madagascar | 4 |
| Austria | 4 |
| Cuba | 4 |
| Portugal | 4 |
| Lebanon | 4 |
| Islamic Republic of Iran   | 4 |
| Malawi | 3 |
| Vietnam | 3 |
| Ukraine | 3 |
| Mexico | 3 |
| Libya  | 3 |
| Ethiopia | 3 |
| Denmark | 3 |
| Colombia | 2 |
| Algeria | 2 |
| Cote D'Ivoire | 2 |
| Somalia | 2 |
| Luxembourg | 2 |
| Malta | 2 |
| Mozambique | 2 |
| Guyana | 1 |
| Burkina Faso | 1 |
| Eritrea | 1 |
| Argentina | 1 |
| Morocco | 1 |
| Cape Verde | 1 |
| Chile | 1 |
| Greece | 1 |
| Belarus | 1 |
| Indonesia | 1 |
| Peru | 1 |
| Mali | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 1 |
| Senegal | 1 |
| Myanmar  | 1 |
| Singapore | 1 |
| Nepal | 1 |
| Chad | 1 |
| Venezuela | 1 |
| Dem. People's Rep. of Korea  | 1 |
| Iraq | 1 |
| Sudan | 1 |
| Congo | 1 |
| Afghanistan | 1 |
| Mongolia | 1 |
| **Grand Total** | **1648** |

 (cc) 14 applications of April 2023 were adjudicated as at 15 May 2023. The average time taken was 17 days.

**END**