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**1869. Mr. N Paulsen (EFF) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

With reference to persons who did not have permanent residence permits for a period of 10 years,

(a) what is the total number of persons who have been granted citizenship by her department as at 31 May 2017, from the date of obtaining permanent residence in the Republic of South Africa and

(b) what were the relevant details of the exceptional circumstances for the granting of the specified requests in each case?

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**REPLY:**

1. The total number of persons who were given early naturalisation according to the available information is **twenty-two (22).**
2. The relevant details for cases which were regarded as exceptional included people who were bringing **investment in the country, United Nations representatives, global sports bodies’ executives and executives of multi-national companies**. Members will be given a full lists of these cases.