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**1873. Mr J J McGluwa (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

With reference to the proposal to extend his department’s contract with VFS Global to process visa applications on its behalf for another 12 months, (a) what is the current status of the implementation of his department’s Central Adjudication Hub and (b) by what date is it envisaged that the Hub will be fully implemented? NW2318E

**REPLY:**

The Department established a Central Adjudication Hub at Head Office in November 2019 when it commenced with the testing of eVisa. Adjudication of eVisa applications from abroad was successfully tested at this Central Adjudication Hub. The eVisa is currently being tested in South Africa together with the Biometric Movement Control System (BMCS) and once these systems are fully implemented, the Central Adjudication Hub will also begin to adjudicate eVisa applications in a phased-in approach.

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