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**1960. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

With reference to electronic visa applications (a) in the past three financial years and (b) from 1 April 2023 to date, (i) what (aa) total number of applications were rejected in each month and (bb) are the reasons for the rejections in each case, (ii) from which countries were applications rejected in each month and (iii) what is the average time taken between an application received and an application rejected in each month? NW2211E

**REPLY:**

The Total received in the last 3 Financial years:

1. 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023 = 28 761
2. Total received from 1 April 2023 to May 2023 = 6 824

(i)(aa) Total rejected – 16190 in 3 years

(i)(bb) Most common reasons for rejection are:

 1. Bank statements

 - Invalid

 - Not certified

 - More than 3 months old

 2. Lack of supporting documents

 3. No air ticket or expired air ticket

(ii) The top 10 countries for rejection are Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Kenya, Egypt, Philippines, China, Mexico, Uganda, Cameroon and Ethiopia.

(iii) Average turnaround time: 10 working days.

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