

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 1970

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**1970. Mr M H Hoosen (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What number of rejected asylum applications were (a) taken on review, (b) opposed by his department and (c) successful at court (i) in each of the past five calendar years and (ii) since 1 January 2018;

(2) were any directives given to or policies adopted by (a) the State Attorney or (b) refugee reception offices to oppose or reject (i) every application for the review of asylum, (ii) all applications or (iii) applications from specific countries? NW2129E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a) As per the table below:

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| **Year**  | **Judicial Reviews**  |
| **2013** | **746** |
| **2014** | **522** |
| **2015** | **1282** |
| **2016** | **887** |
| **2017** | **1128** |
| **2018** | **723** |
| **Total**  | **5288** |

(1)(b) All these judicial review applications were opposed.

(1)(c) The Department does not have a litigation case management system in terms of which matters that were won or lost in court are recorded. The only system that is currently in use is a basic system that merely records new court matters.

1. There are no directives given to or policies adopted by the State Attorney and/or Refugee Reception Offices to oppose or reject every application for the review of asylum, all applications or applications from specific countries.