**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**1983. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What is the (a) progress and (b) estimated date of finalising the process to allow (i) South African citizens born in another country and (ii) South African citizens by virtue of naturalisation to apply for a Smart ID? NW2323E

**Reply**:

(a)(i) South African citizens by birth who were born in another country are already entitled to apply for Smart ID Cards.

(a)(ii) The Department is proceeding with the expansion of the Live Capture footprint and the verification processes for the records of naturalised citizens and is continuing with the implementation of the system upgrades that will make provision for this category of applicants.

(b) The Minister will make an announcement upon determination of adequate footprint and system status readiness which will enable naturalized citizens the opportunity to apply for Smart ID Cards.

**END**