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**2143. Ms M S M de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(a) What total number of tourism visa applications were rejected in each month, (b) what were the reasons for each rejection, (c) what is the total number of rejected applications from each country in each month, (d) from which countries does his department not accept tourism visa applications, (e) what are the reasons that they do not accept the applications and (f) what number of applications from the specified countries have been received in each month in the (i) past three financial years and (ii) since 1 April 2022 in each case? NW2487E

**REPLY:**

1. The total number of tourist visa applications that were rejected for the 2021/2022 financial year is reflected in Annexure “**A**” as reported per Mission. The operations in Missions and lockdowns as a result of the spread of the Coronavirus-19 pandemic impacted on the applications for visas globally.
2. The reasons for rejection would be related to the application which will require the Mission to provide the details of an individual to a third party. However, in general Missions reported the following general reasons for rejection:

• Falsified bank statement

• Falsified invitation letters

• Falsified hotel reservation

• Falsified employment letters

• Insufficient funds on submitted bank statements

• Presentation of false South African Visas

1. The total number of rejected applications per country as reported by the respective Missions is contained in **Annexure A**.
2. The Department accept applications for visas from all countries recognised by South Africa as autonomous States.
3. We accept applications from passport holders from recognized States only.ccepted.
4. The information is as reported in Parliamentary Question No. 2048.

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