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**2281. Ms H Ismail (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs**

What are the details of the (a) timelines for the comprehensive roll-out of e-visas in the Republic and (b) interim measures that his department has implemented to alleviate the burden on travelers whilst the technological challenges associated with the roll-out are being resolved? NO2584E

**REPLY:**

1. The Department has increased the rollout of the e-visa system to 34 countries. All countries that the Republic has diplomatic relations with, can now apply for a tourist visa on the e-visa system or are exempted from visa requirements for short-term visits.
2. All technological challenges associated with the rollout of the e-visa system have been resolved. The e-visa system has been successfully enhanced and is fully operational.

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