**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 2488**

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**2488. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What (a) is the total backlog of (i) asylum applications of asylum seekers, (ii) the Refugee Appeal Board and (iii) the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs and (b) total number of cases have been finalised in the period 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020 by (i) the Refugee Appeal Board and (ii) the Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs? NW3096E

**REPLY**

(a)(i) As at 30 June 2020 there were 3656 cases at RSDO level.

(a)(ii) The total number of cases at the Refugee Appeal Board (Now Refugee Appeals Authority) is 123 424 as at 18 September 2020

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| MONTHS |  | APRIL 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2020 | | | | | | | | |
|  | No. of Cases heard | No. of Cases finalized and decisions issued | No. of cases Confirmed as unfounded | No of cases upheld | No of condonations dismissed | No of condonations granted | No of no show cases | No. of Cases referred back to RROs (RSDO) | No of cases cancelled |
| **DESMOND TUTU** |  | **0** | **376** | **14** | **34** | **0** | **0** | **5** | **115** | **323** |
| **MUSINA** |  | **0** | **100** | **51** | **12** | **0** | **0** | **6** | **0** | **31** |
| **DURBAN** |  | **26** | **308** | **39** | **61** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **0** | **207** |
| **CAPE TOWN** |  | **137** | **114** | **21** | **11** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **82** |
| **PORT ELIZABETH** |  | **30** | **83** | **31** | **9** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **43** |
| **TOTAL** |  | **193** | **981** | **156** | **127** | **0** | **0** | **12** | **115** | **686** |

(a)(iii) The Standing Committee for Refugee Affairs (SCRA) has a backlog of **38185** cases for all the five centre with the majority of cases being at the Desmond Tutu RRO. These are active cases.

(b)(i) The Refugee Appeal Board (Now Refugee Appeals Authority) finalised 981 cases.

(b)(ii) SCRA has finalised 4672 cases.

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| NO OF CASES  REVIEWED | UPHELD | SET ASIDE | REFERRED BACK | TOTAL FINALIZED | COMMENT |
| 4672 | 4096 | 400 | 176 | 4672 | These cases were only attended to at the Desmond Tutu RRO during the level 3-2 lock down. |

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