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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2534. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

Whether, with regard to early indications that up to 40% of all work, study and retirement permits might have been fraudulently obtained and/or issued by his department, his department will consider freezing all permits in order to review them; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW3035E

**REPLY:**

The report from the Ministerial Review Committee was received by the Department, which outlined areas for further investigation. The report’s main recommendation is that a Multi-Disciplinary Task Team be appointed to conduct an in-depth investigation into the identified areas. The appointment of the Multi-Disciplinary Task Team is at an advance stage. The Task Team is to consist of experienced senior counsels, forensic investigators, Data analyst and other related skills. The team will conduct a deep-dive investigations.

The Multi-Disciplinary Task Team will provide advice on all permits issued fraudulently.

**END**