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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**2810. Mr A C Roos (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs :**

With reference to his reply to question 1070 on 23 July 2020, wherein he indicated that in the case of Minister of Home Affairs v Miriam Ali and Others [2018] ZASCA 169 (SCA) the judgment would be fully complied with by 15 September 2020, (a) what are the reasons that identity documents have not been issued to all successful applicants in the specified case to date and (b) by what date will the identity documents be issued to the successful applicants? NW3634E

**REPLY**

The applications in this regard were considered by the Department in terms of Section 4(3) of the South African Citizenship Act and out of six (6) applications, five (5) were conditionally approved and 1 was rejected. The outcome letters were forwarded to their respective legal representatives/attorneys.

The outcome letters clearly outlined that the successful applicants are directed to approach their local front office of the Department to sign declaration of allegiance forms upon which they would be issued with naturalisation certificates. Upon receipt of the naturalisation certificates the applicants would thereafter be eligible to apply for registration of birth and receive birth certificates allocated with identity numbers, successively they would apply for identity documents as a result.

1. The Department would issue identity documents subsequent to receipt of applications in this regard, in the prescribed manner.
2. The date to be issued identity documents will be determined by date of receipt of applications in this respect, with the turnaround times currently set at 54 days for the first issue of a green barcoded ID book.

**END**