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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 3156

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**3156. Mr D J Stubbe (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What is the typical amount of time it takes for an identity document to be issued to a South African citizen who was not born in South Africa;

(2) what is the reason for the discrepancy in the time-periods it takes to issue the same document to natural-born South African citizens and citizens not born in South Africa? NW3699E

**REPLY:**

1. The turnaround time to issue and process a first time application is 54 working days and 47 working days for a re-issue of an identity document applied for.
2. There is no discrepancy in time-periods. Sometimes there are internal processes of verifying the authenticity of supporting documents submitted that may impact on the time-period eg. verification of the authenticity of the Permanent Residence Permit.