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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**3267. Mr M S F de Freitas (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

What total number of (a) arrests have been made with reference to combating fraudulent South African passports and (b) prosecutions have taken place in this regard in the (i) past three financial years and (ii) since 1 January 2022?

**REPLY:**

1. Since 2019 to date 45 people have been arrested; 10 officials and 35 members of the public.

(b)(i) In the past three financial years, 1 official has been prosecuted and a sanction of 8 years’ imprisonment imposed.

(b)(ii) 44 of the 45 cases are still pending in court.

**END**