**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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**3476. Ms L L van der Merwe (IFP) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) What is the breakdown of the total number of (a)(i) refugees and (ii) asylum seekers living in the Republic, (b) applicants who have lodged appeals and/or multiple appeals after their applications were turned down and (c) Section 22 permits that are inactive as of 1 September 2022 in each case;

(2) whether his department has been able to verify whether the holders of the Section 22 permits have exited the country; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(3) to what country and/or nationality do the persons who have been granted asylum and/or refugee status belong? NW4281E

**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i) 75 033 Active Refugees

(1)(a)(ii) 165 115 Active Asylum Seekers

(1)(b) 131 858 Appeals before RAASA

(1)(c) 736 372 Inactive Asylum Seekers

1. Asylum seekers can choose to reside anywhere in the Republic. There is no sufficient capacity within the state to confirm if they still reside where they have initially declared or if they have chosen to depart the Republic.
2. Current active Refugees come from the countries listed below:

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| Afghanistan | East Timor | Liberia | Somalia |
| Algeria | Egypt | Malawi | Sri Lanka |
| Angola | Eritrea | Mali | Sudan |
| Bahamas | Estonia | Morocco | Swaziland |
| Bangladesh | Ethiopia | Niger | Syria |
| Benin | Gabon | Nigeria | Tanzania |
| Bulgaria | Ghana | Oman | Togo |
| Burundi | Guinea Bissau | Pakistan | Turkey |
| Cambodia | India | Palestine | Uganda |
| Cameroon | Iran | Russia | Ukraine |
| Central African Republic | Iraq | Rwanda | Yemen |
| Chad | Ivory Coast | Senegal | Zambia |
| Comoros | Jordan | Serbia | Zimbabwe |
| Congo | Kenya | Sierra Leone |  |
| DRC | Lebanon | Solomon Islands |  |

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