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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

# QUESTION NO. 380

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

What (a) number of asylum seekers have currently been awaiting an interview with a refugee status determination officer (RSDO) for more than (i) 30 days and (ii) 90 days and (b) is the average waiting time, in number of days, between the time that an application for an appointment with an RSDO is lodged until the interview takes place for all current asylum seeker applications? NW1352E

**REPLY:**

1. (i) The total number of asylum seekers registered on the Departmental system with an active section 22 permit waiting an interview with the RSDO for more than 30 days but less than 90 days is **516**.

(ii) The total number of asylum seekers with an active section 22 permit awaiting an interview with the RSDO for more than 90 days is **2503.**

1. The average waiting time for current asylum seeker applications is 30 days or less for an interview. It must be noted the Department can only provide accurate information on the average waiting period for cases registered on the National Immigration Information System (NISS) as from 1 January 2018 due to the enhancements done on the NIIS at that time.

**END**