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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

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

What total number of (a) asylum transit visas in terms of section 23 of the Immigration Act, Act 13 of 2002 were granted in the period 1 February 2021 to 1 February 2022, (b)(i) section 21 applications in terms of the Refugees Act, Act 130 of 1998 have been made in the period 1 February 2021 to 1 February 2022 at Refugee Reception offices in the Republic and (ii) the specified section 21 applications were made at each specified Refugee Reception office and (c) section 22 asylum seeker visas have been granted in terms of the Refugees Act for the period 1 February 2021 to 1 February 2022? NW402E

**REPLY:**

1. There were only 6 (six) Section 23 visas issued in the period 1 February 2021 to 1 February 2022. These visas were all issued at OR Tambo International Airport.

(b)(i) For the period 1 February 2021 to 1 February 2022 a total 41 applications were captured due to special circumstances e.g writing matric, furthering studies or assuming new employment.

(b)(ii) These applications were granted at the following offices: 8 at Cape Town Refugee Reception Office and 33 at Desmond Reception Office.

(c) There were 155 thousand extensions granted during the period in question.

**END**