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**QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO. 4060**

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**4060. Ms N K Sharif (DA) to ask the Minister of Home Affairs:**

(1) Whether, with regard to the responsibilities of his department in relation to the Alteration of Sex Description and Sex Status Act, Act 49 of 2003, he will furnish Ms N K Sharif with a statistical summary of the most common reasons provided by the Director-General (DG) for the rejection of applications in terms of section 2(3) of the specified Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;

(2) what total number of officials in the DG's office work on assessing and deciding upon the specified applications in terms of section (a) 2(1) and (b) 2(3) of the Act;

(3) whether he will furnish Ms N K Sharif with copies of all standard operating procedures, guidelines, checklists and all other guiding documentation developed by his department to help officials in the office of the DG to take decisions in terms of section 2(3) of the Act; if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant details;

(4) what is the average turnaround time for the specified applications from submission by an applicant to a decision communicated to the specified applicant? NW5068E

**REPLY:**

1. There is no statistical summary of rejected applications in terms of section 2(3) of the Act.
2. Four (4) Officials
3. The standard operating procedure (SOP) for the Alteration of Sex Description and Sex Status was signed in October 2020 and is applied by officials that process the applications. The Department is unable to provide a copy of the SOP due to the sensitivity of the procedures to be followed in this category of applications that involves the amendment of personal information. The documents required by the Department from applicants in this category are indicated under “Amendments” on the DHA website.
4. The average turnaround time is 4-12 weeks

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